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TOWN OF

READING

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER

1947

Town Officers

1947

Board of Selectmen

KENNETH C. LATHAM, Chairman	Term expires	1948
CHARLES E. WILKINSON, Secretary	" "	1949
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS	" "	1950
MILDRED J. GRAY, Clerk		

Board of Public Welfare

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires	1948
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY, Secretary	" "	1950
MILES C. HIGGINS	" "	1949
EDWARD E. HARN'DEN, Welfare Agent		
GLADYS WILSON, Social Worker		

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires	1948
MILES C. HIGGINS	" "	1949
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY	" "	1950
GWENDOLYN H. NEWHOUSE, Secretary to the Bureau		
EDWARD E. HARN'DEN, Director		
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Social Worker		
RUTH CORBETT, Social Worker		

Board of Assessors

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term expires	1950
RALPH T. HORN, Secretary	" "	1949
LEON G. BENT	" "	1948

Town Counsel

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Town Clerk

GUY W. ELLISON

Treasurer

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

Moderator

CHARLES P. HOWARD

Town Accountant

BOYD H. STEWART

Town Collector

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Agent, Veterans' Benefit

CHARLES W. H. SMITH

Board of Public Works

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman	Term expires	1949
HARMON D. SMITH, Secretary	" "	1950
WENDELL P. DAVIS	" "	1948
ALEXANDER LINDSAY	" "	1948
*WILLIAM J. WEBB	" "	1948

* Appointed to fill vacancy

Board of Health

E. M. HALLIGAN, M.D., Chairman	Term expires	1949
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1948
CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D.	" "	1950

Finance Committee

LOUIS DAVIS, Chairman	Term expires	1948
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY, D.M.D.	" "	1949
HORACE A. BAILEY	" "	1949
ERNEST E. GALLANT	" "	1949
CLARENCE M. KIMBALL	" "	1949
†ALLAN H. STURGES	" "	1949
GEORGE E. CURTIS	" "	1950
WALTER M. FOWLER	" "	1950
CARL W. PINKHAM	" "	1950
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.	" "	1950
JOSHUA T. DAY, JR.	" "	1950
†ROBERT E. FOWLE	" "	1948
LAWRENCE J. RUST	" "	1948
CHARLES STRATTON	" "	1948
W. GARDNER LONG	" "	1948
*EMERSON A. WILLARD	" "	1949
BOYD H. STEWART, Clerk		

School Committee

ALEXANDER P. GLOVER, Chairman	Term expires	1949
GLADYS F. MILTON	" "	1949
MARY E. EARLEY	" "	1948
MERLE W. WESCOTT, D.M.D.	" "	1948
GOULD B. RUGGLES	" "	1950
MELVIN S. CROSBY	" "	1950
ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D., Secretary		

School Physician

ALBERT E. MORRIS, M.D.

Superintendent of Schools

ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D.

Attendance Officer

JEAN F. RAMSAY

School Nurse

MARGARET B. CLEWLEY

Municipal Light Board

HERBERT G. EVANS, Chairman	Term expires	1948
LOUIS ELLENWOOD, Secretary	" "	1949
JOSEPH H. REED	" "	1950

† Resigned

* Appointed to fill vacancy

Board of Registrars

ROBERT S. RALSTON, Chairman	Term expires	1950
WALTER A. SCANLON, Secretary	" "	1949
LOUIS BACIGALUPO	" "	1948

Board of Cemetery Trustees

FRED L. NUTTER, Chairman	Term expires	1949
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD, Secretary	" "	1950
HARRY C. BARR	" "	1948
EDOUARD N. DUBE	" "	1948
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	" "	1949
DAVID E. HERSEE	" "	1950

Planning Board

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman	Term expires	1950
A. LLOYD DAVID, Secretary	" "	1948
WALTER D. BERRY	" "	1949
WINTHROP D. PARKER	" "	1949
GEORGE B. PEASE	" "	1950

Library Trustees

WILLIAM J. TONKS, Chairman	Term expires	1948
EVE F. HENDERSON, Secretary	" "	1950
NEIL C. ROBINSON	" "	1950
SYDNEY M. HODSON	" "	1949
C. NELSON BISHOP	" "	1949
KATHERINE C. PIERCE	" "	1948

Commissioners of Trust Funds

ROBERT M. BROWN, Chairman	Term expires	1953
RALPH G. BABCOCK	" "	1951
H. RAYMOND JOHNSON	" "	1949

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen members ex-officiis

Board of Appeal

DUDLEY B. KILLAM, Chairman	Term expires	1948
HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY, Secretary	" "	1949
CLIFTON S. NICHOLS	" "	1950

Associate Members Board of Appeal

EDWARD J. SCOTT	Term expires	1948
HOWARD T. CLINCH	" "	1949

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Milk and Food

CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Inspector

KENNETH G. SHAW

Inspector of Animals

GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.

Inspector of Buildings

GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM

Game Warden

JAMES T. PUTNAM

Superintendent of Moth Work

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Dog Officer

CHARLES H. MELENDY

Tree Warden

MAURICE H. DONEGAN
Term expires 1950

Burial Agent, Soldiers and Sailors

CHARLES E. TASNEY

Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves

HARRY A. TURNER

Forest Warden

HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Forest Wardens

CHARLES H. HESELTON

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON

GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE

JOHN SPURR

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Constables

LEON G. BENT

ARTHUR L. HARRIS

Insurance Committee

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer,
and Chairman of the Finance Committee

Contributory Retirement Board

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman

BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary

THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

Law Committee

Consists of the Chairmen of the following Boards:

Board of Selectmen

Board of Assessors

Board of Health

Board of Public Welfare

School Committee

Board of Public Works

Municipal Light Board

Police Department

THOMAS E. WALL, Chief

Sergeants

ARTHUR M. CURTIN

THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

ROLAND E. ELLIS

Patrolmen

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE

JOHN R. CONDON

FRANK R. FISHER

JOHN F. BEAUDOIN

HAROLD W. O'BRIEN

WILLIAM F. FAULKNER

EARL R. HUTCHINSON

PAUL F. JUNKINS

JOSEPH M. GREENE

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

PATRICK J. PANTANO

EDWARD M. HUBBARD

GEORGE LeFAVE

Keeper of the Lock-Up

THOMAS E. WALL

Fire Department

HUGH L. EAMES, Chief

CHARLES H. HESELTON, Deputy Chief

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON, Capt.

LESLIE C. HADLEY

GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE, Lieut.

DONALD C. MITCHELL

LEWIS C. HOLDEN

ROBERT W. SHANNON

JAMES S. PERRY

ELMER A. DYKENS, JR.

NELSON P. O'BRIEN

GEORGE F. FOGG

CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD

Call Men

JOSEPH ARSENAULT

ELMER W. MOORE

GEORGE F. BAXTER

H. HARVEY QUIGLEY

FRANK X. BROWN

HERMAN L. REISSLE

RICHARD D. BROWN

GEORGE G. ROGERS

HOWARD E. BUSSELL

F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD

JOHN J. CARNEY

JOHN A. SPURR

JAMES R. GAW

WILLIAM R. VAN HORN

JOHN L. GOODRIDGE

ERNEST R. WATSON

JAMES R. MERCER, JR.

GEORGE S. ZANNI

Substitute Call Men

HENRY O. BALLOU

DeMELLE G. GAREY

MYLES A. DENNO

CLEMENT T. GLEASON

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

HUGH L. EAMES

Inspector of Wires

HUGH L. EAMES

Measurers of Lumber

HAROLD B. CURRELL

FRED F. SMITH

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Measurers of Wood and Bark

PERCY N. SWEETSER

HAROLD B. CURRELL

THOMAS F. BROGAN

Weighers of Coal and Hay

THOMAS E. BROGAN

CHARLES W. LEE

BERTHA D. MacLELLAN

MABEL L. McKAY

WENDELL B. NEWELL

PERCY N. SWEETSER

MOLLIE A. SWEETSER

D. GEORGE GAW

Field Drivers

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD

ADOLPH S. LARSON

EDWARD E. NICHOLS

Fence Viewers

WENDELL B. NEWELL

CARL B. SAWYER

WARREN F. CHARLES

Committee on Elm Tree Protection

ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

Committee on Town Forests

LELAND W. KINGMAN

Term expires 1949

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

" " 1950

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

" " 1948

Veterans' Advisory Committee

Post War Planning Committee

CHARLES W. H. SMITH, Chairman

IRVING C. AUSTIN

H. WILSON POWERS

W. GARDNER LONG

FRANK D. TANNER

GEORGE B. PEASE

RALPH G. BABCOCK

GERRIT OLDENBROOK, JR.

DeMELLE G. GAREY

J. HENRY CARLETON

WILLIAM A. SORENSON

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

HENRY W. SHUMAKER, Chairman

A. LLOYD DAVID, Secretary

GEORGE R. BARRIS

LEON G. BENT

GEORGE E. CURTIS

JOSHUA T. DAY, JR.

GEORGE B. PEASE

Salvage Committee

†OTIS B. RUGGLES

CHARLES F. TREVOR

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Recreation Committee

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman

NEWELL H. MORTON

MARY E. EARLEY

CARL W. PINKHAM

C. SUMNER TEEL

CHARLES F. LANCASTER, D.D. ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D.

G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS

Special Police Officers

JOHN F. MAGUIRE

Reading High School

PERCY W. CURTIS

Reading High School

WILLIAM A. LLOYD

Lowell St. School

EDWARD W. MCBRIEN

Pearl St. School

SIMON CASTINE

Pearl St. School

ANDREW LOMAX

Junior High School

FREDERICK L. REISSLE

Junior High School

W. RAY YORKS

Junior High School

WILLIAM BROUSSARD

Highland School

LEANDER SMITH

Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill School

GROVER C. EATON

Pumping Station

RALPH F. PLOUFF

Methodist Church

EDWARD E. HARNDEN

Center School Building

CHARLES L. GOWING, JR.

Reading Theater

WILLIAM SLACK

Town Dump

FREDERICK W. BURNS

Town Forest

CHARLES E. LANGDON

Odd Fellows Building

CARL W. PINKHAM

Reading Rifle and Revolver Club

WILLIAM N. RICHARDS

Middlesex County National Bank

JACOB C. NEILSON

Skating Ponds

HENRY O. BALLOU

Mun. Bldg., Library, Masonic Bldg.

GEORGE G. ROGERS

Legion House

JAMES T. PUTNAM

Pumping Station and Vic. P. W. Property

WILLIAM H. PIERPONT

CHARLES H. MELENDY

J. EDWARD BLACK

GEORGE W. HALL

WILLIAM H. MILLER

HUGH L. EAMES

CHARLES E. HILTS

HARRY A. TURNER

FRED C. CURTIS

First Baptist Church

Pearl and Salem Sts.

† Deceased

MELVIN C. LANE
HAROLD F. DAVIS
ELWIN M. NESMITH
ELMER F. WHITE

V.F.W. Quarters

Highland School

Statistics

Population, census of 1945, 12,327

Registered Voters : Precinct No. 1, 1754; Precinct No. 2, 1774; Precinct No. 3, 1730; Precinct No. 4, 1801; Total, 7059.

Eighth Congressional District

Sixth Councillor District

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District

Representative in Congress, 8th District, Angier L. Goodwin, Melrose

Councillor 6th District, Victor A. Friend, Melrose

Senator 7th Middlesex District, George J. Evans, Wakefield

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Logan R. Dickie, Reading and
Malcolm S. White, Woburn

List of Jurors 1947-1948

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Name	Occupation	Residence
Abbott, Albert B.,	Internal Revenue	26 Shipkin Ave.
Abbott, George W.,	Sales Manager	32 Mineral St.
Abbott, H. Kingman,	Civil Engineer	14 Bancroft Ave.
Albee, Curtis L.,	Dyestuff Tech.	10 Pine Ridge Rd.
Alger, Charles I.,	Salesman	144 Woburn St.
Alger, James W.,	Sales Promotion	144 Prospect St.
Allen, Lawrence W.,	Bank Clerk	58 Temple St.
Anderson, Eric A. R.,	Cabinet Maker	16 Pennsylvania Ave.
Babcock, Ralph G.,	Office Manager	28 Berkeley St.
Barnes, George E.,	Operator	103 Green St.
Barstow, Merton C.,	Public Accountant	77 Howard St.
Batting, Joseph R.,	Structural Designer	114 Prescott St.
Beaudry, George B.,	Inspector	36 Pearl St.
Bell, J. Angus,	Salesman	87 Hanscom Ave.
Birchall, Joseph C.,	Machinist	25 Woodward Ave.
Blaikie, Robert C.,	Clerk	36 Prospect St.
Blaisdell, Grover C.,	Salesman	113 Summer Ave.
Bliss, William C.,	Salesman	194 Pleasant St.
Bowers, Harrison W.,	Clerical	84 King St.
Brockway, Robert S.,	Manager	56 Temple St.
Brogan, Thomas E.,	Bookkeeper	5 Washington St.
Brown, Ernest E.,	Bank Clerk	76 Pearl St.

Brown, Everett W., Credit Manager	100 John St.
Buckler, Harold E., Insurance	194 Summer Ave.
Burnham, Vaughan F., Govt. Inv. Clerk	89 Highland St.
Byram, Joseph R., Decorator	68 Hillcrest Rd.
Camp, Harry Upson, Elec. Contractor	28 Highland St.
Carpenter, Albert E. C., Sales Eng.	14 Vale Rd.
Castine, Simon A., Janitor	21 Green St.
Chapin, Earle H., Heating Engineer	134 High St.
Chase, Robert P., Salesman	18 Fairview Ave.
Chesley, Richard B., Jeweler	50 Pratt St.
Christensen, Harold, Florist	12 Sunnyside Ave.
Clapperton, John, Shop Foreman	161 Pleasant St.
Clark, Joseph R., Bookkeeper	81 Ash St.
Clifford, James J., Manufacturer	20 Hillcrest Rd.
Coan, Donald W., Claim Manager	292 Summer Ave.
Cogger, Harold W., Salesman	9 Cross St.
Colburn, Stanley W., Broker	193 Prescott St.
Collins, Henry O., Electrician	19 Glen Rd.
Collins, Walter R., Stock Clerk	139 Salem St.
Cooper, Carl C., Co. President	167 Summer Ave.
Croswell, Ray R., Tel. Test Man	52 Hancock St.
Cullinane, Jeremiah, Jr., Truck Driver	9 Mineral St.
Currell, Harold B., Contractor	50 Chute St.
Dacey, Frederick F., Superintendent	13 Hampshire Rd.
Darling, George H., Office Work	21 Fairview Ave.
David, A. Lloyd, Bank Officer	70 Howard St.
Davis, Victor H., Mechanic	12 Arlington St.
Dean, Robert L., Developing Eng.	561 Pearl St.
Delano, William J., Jr., District Manager	98 Summer Ave.
DeMar, Clarence H., Printer	249 Forest St.
Dennison, Ralph H., Wholesale Grocer	26 Copeland Ave.
Desmond, Daniel J., Filler	8 Center Ave.
Dolben, Alfred H., R. E. Broker	17 Bond St.
Ducker, George A., Clerk	73 Summer Ave.
Emerson, Edward H., Manager	934 Main St.
Fairclough, William T., Civil Engineer	125 Grove St.
Fienemann, Henry W., Asst. Manager	19 Hartshorn St.
Folsom, Robert M., President	20 Copeland Ave.
Fowler, Walter M., Insurance	38 Fairmount Rd.
Foxcroft, Francis R., Salesman	100 Prescott St.
Frost, Edgar L., Salesman	272 Ash St.
Frost, Roscoe W., Machine Shop Clerk	3 Whittier Rd.
Gallagher, Francis A., Electrician	179 Green St.
Gallant, Ernest E., Asst. Bank Cashier	48 Hanscom Ave.

Gardner, Herbert L., Business Analyst	15 Longfellow Rd.
Gleason, Clement T., Bank Clerk	53 Prescott St.
Goddard, Frank E., Accountant	68 Scotland Rd.
Godfrey, Charles L., Treasurer	32 Scotland Rd.
Goff, John W., Decorator	104 Woburn St.
Goldsmith, A. Alden, Insurance Broker	199 Bancroft Ave.
Goodridge, Walter V., Chemical Co.	103 Village St.
Graupner, Frank C., Office Manager	149 Pleasant St.
Griffiths, Eleazer H., Clerk	71 Harrison St.
Gunn, George W., Tel. Engineer	37 School St.
Halloran, Martin J., Jr., Bookkeeper	22 Prescott St.
Harris, Marshall P., Salesman	143 Prospect St.
Holmes, Henry J., Clerk	16 Gardner Rd.
Hopkins, Arthur F., Wholesale Grain	40 Scotland Rd.
Horrocks, Percy L., Salesman	63 Highland St.
Hulsman, Kenneth G., Civil Engineer	284 Woburn St.
Keleher, Charles G., Railroad Worker	95 Howard St.
Kelley, C. Wilfred, Stereotyper	46 Fairview Ave.
Kevorkian, Edwin A., Rug Merchant	32 Virginia Rd.
Kilgore, Ernest E., Clerk	19 Fairview Ave.
Kimball, Clarence M., Accountant	280 Woburn St.
Kimball, Walter B., Salesman	269 West St.
King, Chester R., Painter	140 Village St.
Knudson, Benjamin, Jr., Superintendent	60 Hanscom Ave.
Lazenby, Francis C. W., Elec. Engineer	773 Main St.
Lee, William H., X-Ray Operator	49 Locust St.
Lowell, Ernest T., Shoecutter	76 Linden St.
Lucas, Kenneth A., Civil Engineer	565 Franklin St.
MacKinnon, William D., Banker	11 Hunt St.
MacLellan, Harry R., Salesman	123 Woburn St.
Matson, Eric P., Florist	279 Pleasant St.
McLaughlin, James A., N. E. T. & T. Co.	63 Vine St.
Miller, Herbert K., Ex.Secretary	23 Fairview Ave.
Morand, Edward N., Electrician	386 Summer Ave.
Morss, Lawrence V., N. E. T. & T. Co.	7 Bond St.
Mullen, Charles A., Manager	138 Woburn St.
Nesmith, Arthur S., Auto Dealer	93 King St.
Nichols, Ralph L., R.R. Accountant	69 Hanscom Ave.
Ninde, George E., Accountant	171 Woburn St.
Norton, Robert D., Bank Clerk	19 Sunnyside Ave.
Parker, Harold F., Insurance	76 Vine St.
Parry, Louis A., Machinist	7 Orange St.
Perry, Prospier R., Bus Driver	189 Green St.
Pitman, Carl B., Banker	23 Oak St.
Prescott, Lincoln T., Office Manager	28 Thorndike St.

Ralston, Robert S., Compositor	9 Dudley St.
Reed, Joseph H., Manager	78 Middlesex Ave.
Reynolds, Chester A., Tel. Eng.	14 Berkeley St.
Richardson, Raymond C., General Manager	35 Pine Ridge Rd.
Robbins, George, Upholsterer	8 Ordway Ter.
Rollins, Edwin E., Exterminator	71 Vine St.
Sawyer, Kenneth E., Inspector W. U.	167 Lowell St.
Schaeffer, Frank W., Asst. Engineer	74 Prescott St.
Shumaker, Henry W., Asst. Treasurer	35 School St.
Spillane, Patrick J., Window Contractor	42 Park Ave.
Springford, F. Lionel, Treasurer	35 Grand St.
Stevens, Frank M., Insurance	14 School St.
Stewart, Edward B., Retired	18 School St.
Stimpson, George H., Light Plant Operator	14 Kingston St.
Torre, Frank J., Merchant	633 Main St.
Turner, Clifton H., Clerk	16 Eaton St.
Turner, Harry A., Retired	17 Highland St.
Viall, Milton B., Salesman	175 Bancroft Ave.
Wakefield, Ernest T., Farmer	42 John St.
Walsh, John J., Jr., Filler	10 Temple St.
Waterhouse, George C., Machine Operator	20 Spring St.
Whitney, Glenn E., Insurance	238 Woburn St.
Widell, John M., Clerk	8 Glen Rd.
Wilcox, Loring F., Insurance Broker	67 Hillcrest Rd.
Wilkinson, John E., Bank Clerk	94 Summer Ave.
Winchester, Laurence S., Cost Engineer	232 West St.

KENNETH C. LATHAM,
CHARLES E. WILKINSON,
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS,

Selectmen of Reading, Mass.

July 29, 1947

Report of the Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

March 3, 1947

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading: as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town, on **Monday, the Third Day of March A. D. 1947** at six forty-five o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To elect by ballot the following Town Officers: A moderator for one year; Town Clerk for one year; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for one year; Treasurer for one year; one member of the Board of Public Works for three years; two Constables for one year; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; two members of the Board of Library Trustees for three years; two members of the Planning Board of three years; two members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for three years; one member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for two years; Tree Warden for three years; also in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943 in each of the four precincts the number of town meeting members as hereinafter specified: Precinct I, fifteen members for three years; Precinct II, fifteen members for three years; one member for two years; one member for one year; Precinct III, fifteen members for three years; Precinct IV, fifteen members for three years and one member for two years.

For these purposes the polls will be opened at each of the four precincts at 6:45 A. M. and will close at 8 o'clock P. M.

And to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on **Monday, the Seventeenth Day of March A. D. 1947** at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by the Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Select-

men, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, Cemetery Trustees, Planning Board, and any other Boards or Special Committees.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and special committees and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Board of Public Works, including Highways, Sidewalks, Drainage, Common Parks and Supervised Play, Water Department and Sewer Department, Public Dumps, Charities and Aid, Veteran's Benefits, Public Schools, Public Library, Cemeteries, Memorial Day Observance, Municipal Light Department, Street Lighting, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance, Contributory Retirement System, Reserve Fund, Publication of Street List for 1947, further development of the Town Forest and General Accounts.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Town Treasurer

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and Construction to be used in connection with monies received from the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the Contributory Retirement System for Municipal Employees, excluding school teachers, for the benefit of municipal employees on military leave of absence during the year 1946 as provided for and under the authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Contributory Retirement Board

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 85E of Chapter 32 of the General Laws being a law relating to the retirement of permanent members of the police and fire departments of the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Hugh L. Eames and others

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III of the By-laws of the Town by adding after Section 2 the following Sections:

Section 3. The Collector of Taxes shall collect under the title of Town Collector, all accounts due the Town which are committed to him.

Section 4. Every department of the Town shall deliver to the Town Accountant at least once in every month a separate statement of each account due the Town arising through any transaction with such department. Upon receipt of such statements of accounts the Town Accountant shall commit such accounts to the Town Collector for collection. This section shall not apply to taxes and special assessments, licenses and permits issued or granted by the various departments of Town nor to costs and fees charged by said departments, nor to interest on investments of sinking or trust funds, nor to accounts due the Municipal Light Department.

Section 5. Any account committed by the Town Accountant which the Town Collector is unable to collect by ordinary efforts may be referred by the Town Collector to the Town Accountant or Town Counsel for instruction as to procedure. So far as permitted by law any account or portion thereof may be abated by the department in which such account originated. The Town Accountant shall be notified in writing of the abatement of any such committed account or portion thereof.

Section 6. The Town Collector shall, once in each week or oftener, pay over to the Treasurer all money received by him during the preceding week or lesser period on every such account, including any sums received as interest on moneys received by him on such accounts and deposited in any bank. He shall give bond to the town for the faithful performance of his duties in a form approved by the commissioner of corporations and taxation and in such sum, not less than the amount that may be established by said commissioner, as shall be fixed by the selectmen.

Board of Selectmen

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Director of Accounts of the Department of Corporations and Taxation for the installation of an accounting system, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve for the permanent development of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Cemetery Trustees

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of a motor truck for the use of the Cemetery Department, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Cemetery Trustees

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, purchasing and operating road machinery and equipment for the use of and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by transfer or otherwise, for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street from Winthrop Avenue toward Reading Square, under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Curtis Street under provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterment, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Curtis Street.

Board of Public Works.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public way of a private way known as George Street, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as George Street.

Board of Public Works

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the construction of such streets as may be determined by the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or otherwise and appropriate for the extension and laying out of the common sewers as the Board of Public Works may adjudge is necessary in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational, and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Recreation Committee

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain tract or tracts of land with the buildings thereon, in or adjoining Birch Meadow, so-called, and to dedicate other parcels of land now owned by the Town and situated in or near Birch Meadow, as the School Committee may deem advisable, for the construction of a Senior High School and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, for such purchase or taking, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain parcels of land in Birch Meadow so-called, being lots 45, a portion of 61 and 61-A, 62, 63, 65, 99 and 99-A, as shown on Town of Reading Assessors' plat 35, for the construction of an elementary school building, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, for such purchase or taking, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the transportation of school children for the year, 1947, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the teachers' retirement system for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1946, as provided for under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 26. To see if the Town of Reading will raise and appropriate in addition to other school appropriations for the year 1947 moneys sufficient to pay to the teachers serving in the public schools of Reading, salaries as provided in the schedule submitted to the School Committee in Reading on December 23, 1946, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Clifford A. Baker and others

Article 27. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights on the public streets during the year 1947, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or otherwise, and appropriate for the construction of an addition and extension to the Public Library building so as provide for a stack room therein or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Library Trustees

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the Selectmen appoint a Director, the Director to cooperate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs, under the provisions of Section 40 to 45, Chapter 128, General Laws of Massachusetts, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Lois M. Connor and others

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 American Legion, or what it will do in relation thereto.

C. Wilfred Kelley and others

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise, suitable headquarters for Reading Post No. 685, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Ernest C. Metcalf and others

Article 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Frances K. Wright and others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to March 3, 1947, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, A. D. 1947.

KENNETH C. LATHAM

HERBERT K. MILLER

CHARLES E. WILKINSON

Selectmen of Reading

A true copy. Attest:

Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, Mass., Feb. 24, 1947

By virtue of this warrant, I this day, notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street in said Reading, as the designated place for the four precincts of the Town, at the time specified in the warrant, by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; Danforth's Drug Store, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles & Sons Store, 610 Main St.; Boston & Maine Railroad Depot; I. O. O. F. Building.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Fire Station No. 2.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St.

The date of posting being more than seven days prior to March 3, 1947, the date set for the meeting in this warrant.

I also caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of February 28, 1947, the same being more than one day prior to the date of said meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 3, 1947

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's Return thereof a Town Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant and was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis.

The clerk partially read the warrant, when on motion of Arthur L. Harris it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return, which was duly read by the clerk.

The keys to the ballot boxes were turned over to the Constable in charge, the ballot boxes were examined and found to be empty and registered 000.

The polls were then declared open at 6:45 A. M. and were closed at 8:00 P. M. with the following result.

	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	
	1	2	3	4	Totals
Moderator for one year					
Charles P. Howard	547	624	616	559	2346
Blanks	85	96	85	87	333
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
Town Clerk for one year					
Guy W. Ellison	544	629	623	574	2370
Blanks	88	91	78	72	329
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
Selectman for three years					
Robert A. Grundy	164	129	125	162	580
G. Lawrence Roberts	409	538	528	432	1907
Blanks	59	53	48	52	212
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
Board of Public Welfare for three years					
Clarence J. Stalliday	521	590	585	544	2240
Blanks	111	130	116	102	459
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
Assessor for three years					
Harold B. Currell	515	594	614	545	2268
Blanks	117	126	87	101	431
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
Assessor for one year					
Leon G. Bent	330	300	297	343	1270
Robert A. Dennison	245	357	359	247	1208
Blanks	57	63	45	56	221
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
Treasurer					
Preston F. Nichols	545	627	622	572	2366
Blanks	87	93	79	74	333
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699

Municipal Light Board for three years

Joseph H. Reed	515	607	595	551	2268
Blanks	117	113	106	95	431

Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
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Two Constables for one year

Leon G. Bent	494	567	553	536	2150
Arthur L. Harris	489	572	558	519	2138
Blanks	281	301	291	237	1110

Totals	1264	1440	1402	1292	5398
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Board of Public Works for three years

Coleman J. Donahue, Jr.	196	148	150	171	665
Harmon D. Smith	272	391	312	279	1254
Edward Teer	120	151	198	157	626
Blanks	44	30	41	39	154

Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
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Board of Health for three years

Charles R. Baisley	535	635	612	563	2345
Blanks	97	85	89	83	354

Totals	632	720	701	646	2699
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School Committee for three years

Melvin S. Crosby	303	409	427	341	1480
John L. Griffin	366	292	285	291	1234
Gould B. Ruggles	288	380	420	368	1456
Herbert C. Towle	110	187	146	161	604
Blanks	197	172	124	131	624

Totals	1264	1440	1402	1292	5398
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Public Library for three years

Eve F. Henderson	506	567	587	543	2203
Neil C. Robinson	501	588	599	552	2240
Blanks	257	285	216	197	955

Totals	1264	1440	1402	1292	5398
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Trustees for Cemeteries for three years

James W. Fairchild	524	594	597	560	2275
David E. Hersee	502	574	573	549	2198
Blanks	238	272	232	183	925

Totals	1264	1440	1402	1292	5398
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Trustee for Cemeteries for two years

William P. Pierpont	537	612	609	556	2314
Blanks	95	108	92	90	385
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699

Planning Board for three years

George B. Pease	493	579	565	541	2178
Philip R. White	510	592	576	535	2213
Blanks	261	269	261	216	1007
Totals	1264	1440	1402	1292	5398

Tree Warden

Maurice H. Donegan	549	640	618	572	2379
Blanks	83	80	83	74	320
Totals	632	720	701	646	2699

Meeting Members for three years**Precinct No. 1**

Fred S. Appleton, 35 Pierce St.	413
Horace A. Bailey, 93 Salem St.	443
Leon G. Bent, 767 Main St.	384
Frank K. Briggs, 14 Smith Ave.	394
Ernest E. Brown, 76 Pearl St.	450
Louis Ellenwood, 46 Pleasant St.	420
Donald F. Ellingwood, 9 Gardner Rd.	394
Walter M. Fowler, 38 Fairmount Rd.	411
Edgar L. Frost, 272 Ash St.	432
Laura S. Gordon, 249 Haven St.	410
Charles M. Jackson, 165 Main St.	385
Winthrop D. Parker, 1 Charles St.	433
Carl W. Pinkham, 128 Pleasant St.	435
Howard L. Rogers, 123 Salem St.	417
Frances C. Sawyer, 52 Salem St.	402
Harold P. Snow, 72 Cross St.	334
George Zanni, 16 Brook St.	1
Blanks	2922

Precinct No. 2**Meeting Members for three years**

Charles R. Baisley, 46 Woburn St.	573
Edward A. Brown, 28 Oak St.	415
A. Lloyd David, 70 Howard St.	492
Robert E. Fowle, 3 Perkins Ave.	504

Francis R. Foxcroft, 100 Prescott St.	485
Winthrop P. Frazier, 438 Summer Ave.	326
Alexander P. Glover, 158 Prescott St.	498
Roy E. Hatfield, 19 Oak St.	430
Sydney M. Hodson, 51 Oak St.	527
Walter S. Hopkins, Jr., 472 Summer Ave.	536
James R. Mercer, 73 Hillcrest Rd.	539
Florence G. Nichols, 109 Prescott St.	421
Carl B. Pitman, 23 Oak St.	470
Carlyle F. Quimby, 42 Pratt St.	449
Leon F. Quimby, 33 Howard St.	454
Herbert T. Schoppelry, 196 Prescott St.	440
Helen M. Towle, 22 West St.	328
Loring F. Wilcox, 67 Hillcrest Rd.	462
Blanks	2431

Precinct No. 2

Meeting member for two years

Richard B. Chesley, 50 Pratt St.	489
John A. Maxim, 45 Pratt St.	106
Blanks	125

Precinct No. 2

Meeting member for one year

Stanley H. Beaman, 206 Woburn St.	559
Blanks	161

Precinct No. 3

Meeting Members for three years

James W. Alger, 144 Prospect St.	493
Clifford W. Baker, 169 Summer Ave.	338
George E. Curtis, 58 Grand St.	510
Stanley D. Cross, 17 Longview Rd.	267
Louis Davis, 8 Vine St.	524
Marshall P. Harris, 143 Prospect St.	452
Katherine G. Howard, 186 Summer Ave.	442
Earle O. Latham, 69 Prescott St.	525
Louis M. Lyons, 24 Vale Rd.	501
Harry E. McRell, Jr. 14 Willow St.	138
William E. Morrison, 21 Pilgrim Rd.	513
Donald H. Morse, 18 Bond St.	464
Newell H. Morton, 198 Woburn St.	563
John H. Nargis, 150 Prospect St.	178
Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High St.	481
Harley C. Nelson, 60 Bancroft Ave.	279
Frank M. Stevens, 14 School St.	464
Elwin M. Nesmith, 6 Berkeley St.	252

Allen A. Sweetser, 192 Woburn St.	367
Mollie A. Sweetser, 192 Woburn St.	466
Herbert J. Wooldridge, 156 High St.	479
Blanks	1805

Precinct No. 4

Town Meeting Members for three years

Justin L. Anderson, 53 Woburn St.	433
H. Nelson Bates, 23 Nelson Ave.	396
Nellie P. Beaton, 299 Lowell St.	386
Franklin W. Burnham, 179 Lowell St.	335
William E. Burpee, 20 Lawrence Rd.	425
Alfred L. Caisse, 20 Forest St.	187
Adra P. Camp, 28 Highland St.	371
John Cullinane, 36 Federal St.	247
Coleman J. Donahue, Jr., 9 Lawrence Rd.	258
Earle A. Eastman, 2 Waverly Rd.	273
James W. Fairchild, 1170 Main St.	445
Ralph R. Gibson, 972 Main St.	276
Carl W. Goodridge, 206 Bancroft Ave.	440
Roland B. Hoag, 836 Main St.	258
Robert H. Hodson, 21 Mt. Vernon St.	427
Edward F. Jones, 41 Federal St.	140
Gilbert M. Lothrop, 13 Longfellow Rd.	377
Fred W. Nelson, 420 Franklin St.	400
Francis W. O'Leary, 17 Spruce Rd.	134
William P. Reed, 27 Mt. Vernon St.	179
Otis B. Ruggles, 52 Weston Rd.	390
Kenneth E. Sawyer, 167 Lowell St.	341
Helen B. Stanwood, 72 Linden St.	254
Marion R. Symonds, 170 Bancroft Ave.	408
Blanks	1910

Precinct No. 4

Town Meeting Members for two years

Sydney L. Curry, 405 Lowell St.	446
Blanks	200

The following persons served as Election Officers:

Ballot Box

- Precinct 1 Jessie M. Thaxter, 11 Winter St.
- " 2 George N. Bishop, 60 Hillcrest Rd.
- " 3 Gladys R. Dickinson, 25 Arlington St.
- " 4 Ola M. Pomfret, 22 Belmont St.

Ballot Clerk

- Precinct 1 John J. Murray, 52 Village St.

- " 2 Catherine E. Reilly, 64 Minot St.
- " 3 Minnie A. Heselton, 17 Berkeley St.
- " 4 Mabel Bennett, 38 Highland St.

Checkers

- Precinct 1 Harriette P. Leuchtman, 18 Belmont St.
 Catherine L. Doherty, 111 Green St.
 Martha Stark, 73 Eaton St.
 Jemima W. Clapperton, 161 Pleasant St.
- 2 Annie L. Berry, 10 Wilson St.
 Nellie E. Whelton, 7 High St.
 Mary C. Barrett, 38 Warren Ave.
 May M. King, 24 Bay State Rd.
- 3 Rebecca T. Emery, 65 Middlesex Ave.
 Ina M. Bergquist, 3 Berkeley St.
 Norma P. Perley, 89 Vine St.
 Eleanor S. Michelini, 48 Prescott St.
- 4 Mary C. Horrocks, 63 Highland St.
 Mary V. O'Brien, 169 Lowell St.
 Flora B. Poock, 50 Federal St.
 Eva F. Gleason, 37 Woburn St.

Counters

- Precinct 1 M. Gertrude Ballou, 71 Green St.
 Mary E. Doran, 33 Orange St.
 Annie C. O'Malley, 74 Minot St.
 Margaret J. Curtin, 75 Harrison St.
- 2 Rose A. Gadbois, 8 Maple St.
 Winifred E. McClintock, 188 Wakefield St.
 Ethel B. Gowing, 81 John St.
- 3 Edith Moses, 33 Dudley St.
 Helen E. Dodge, 21 Echo Ave.
 Bertha L. Skinner, 17 Mineral St.
 Grace Wooldridge, 156 High St.
- 4 Dorothy Williams, 265 Lowell St.
 Elizabeth M. Bates, 25 Nelson Ave.
 Catherine G. Doucette, 89 Woburn St.
 Charles C. Wakefield, 22 Mt. Vernon St
 Frances S. Snyder, 94 Vine St.
 Arthur J. Doucette, 2 Warren Ave.
 Harold M. Flater, 33 Minot St.
 Frank E. Ward, 29 King St.
 Vaughan Burnham, 89 Highland St.

- Tabulators Walter A. Scanlon, 331 Haven St.
 J. Robert Clark, 81 Ash St.
 Louis Bacigalupo, 91 John St.
 Alexander Williamson, 79 Grand St.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

March 17, 1947

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard at 7:50 P. M.

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 3, 1947 meeting no notice was required by Town Clerk.

The new Town Meeting Members were requested to stand and sworn to office by the Town Moderator.

The Town Clerk partially read the warrant when upon motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted to dispense with further reading, except the Constable's return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted to accept and place on file The Capital Expenditures Planning Committee Outlay Program for the years 1947 to 1952.

Report of Classification And Salary Committee was read by William J. Tonks as follows:

To: Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting Members:

Authorized under Article XIII of a Special Town Meeting held on October 28, 1946 on motion that there be and hereby is established a committee of five (5) members for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of Job Classification And Salaries with a view of establishing a uniform schedule in the Town, and such committee to consist of four (4) members chosen one by and from each of the voting Precincts in the Town, and the fifth to be chosen at large by the four Precinct members, such Committee to report at the Annual Town Meeting to be held in March 1947. Pursuant to the action under Article XIII, the following Town meeting members were elected by their respective Precincts:

Precinct One	Harold L. Jones
Precinct Two	William J. Tonks
Precinct Three	Irving Alger
Precinct Four	Otis B. Ruggles

On January 13th, the same four duly elected committee members met at the residence of Otis B. Ruggles and elected Leon G. Bent as the fifth member-at-large, and at a meeting held on January 20th, the Committee organized with William J. Tonks as Chairman, and Harold L. Jones as Secretary. Subsequent to organization meeting, the committee contacted all Town Departments and secured information regarding salaries and wages paid; hours of work; rates and frequency of overtime, etc., as paid by the Town. This committee is now engaged in correlating and analyzing information secured. In view of the relatively short time which said committee had available between

organization and the Town Meeting to be held March 17, 1947, no attempt is made to report anything other than progress on this problem. It was found by the committee, since it would be necessary to again contact heads of all Town Departments for additional information and hold further discussions to come to an agreement on the decisions and interpretations by this committee on existing Department classifications, that time would not permit any definite conclusions. During January and February all Town Boards were more or less engaged with preparation and consideration of their budgets by the Finance Committee, and it was felt that we should defer further conferences with heads of Town Boards until later.

We estimate that this committee will need the better part of 1947 to submit a definite report of Job Classifications, Salary Schedules, and Rules and Regulations to govern operation of same. This necessitates work with various Town Departments, as well as research on classification programs of other Massachusetts Towns comparable with Reading. We, therefore, respectfully submit our report requesting either an extension of time to present a complete report, or at the pleasure of the Town—our discharge.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. TONKS
OTIS B. RUGGLES
LEON G. BENT
HAROLD L. JONES
IRVING ALGER

On motion made by Gardner Long, it was voted that this committee continue to study Job Classifications, Salary Schedules and Rules and Regulations and to make further report at the Town Meeting in March 1948.

HIGH SCHOOL SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Made at Annual Town Meeting, Reading, Mass., March 1947)

By G. Warren Cochrane, Jr.

Committee's Approach to Problem

Our Committee was appointed to "make a comprehensive study of the suitable sites" and bring you all the pertinent facts, not to select a site. We have worked diligently toward that end and sincerely hope that the information we will present to you now will enable you to proceed with the purchase of the needed land, confidently and without further delay.

One of our early steps was to send a letter to all Town Meeting

Members and an open letter to the general public inviting suggestions. (Exhibit I) Replies received were studied carefully and were very helpful in aiding the Committee to formulate its ideas. Also, early in our work we decided to make our study as careful and as factual as possible, to eliminate guess-work and to bring in a harmonious report.

Sites Studied

After a general examination of the Town's area, five sites were elected for detailed study. Before listing these sites, we would like to mention two other sites which were given preliminary consideration. The first of these is Memorial Park, which lies just east of Main Street between Charles and Salem Streets. This site was left to the Town for park purposes and was accepted at a Town Meeting on that basis. In the judgment of our Town Counsel, this site is not available for any other purpose. The second site given preliminary consideration is the area in back of the houses on the east side of Main Street and to the northwest of Charles Street. After study this site was eliminated from further consideration for several reasons. It would mean that the majority of children would have to cross Main Street going to and from school, for one thing. For another, much of the land is boggy the year around, in fact, a brook which comes down out of the plot and crosses under Charles Street is used for flooding Memorial Park in the winter. Another difficulty is that there is quite a sharp drop in the lot near Charles Street which would require about 12 feet of fill. Also, the land is all privately owned. To sum up, the site has several basic faults and little to recommend it over other available sites.

The five sites which did seem to warrant detailed study are, alphabetically:

Birch Meadow

Junior High School

Senior High School

Sunnyside Avenue and Washington Street Playground Combined

Sweetser Field

Our first step was to complete a list of factors common to all these sites on which they could be compared in terms of dollars and cents, exact distances and acreage—as precisely as possible, in other words. After considerable reading, discussion and consultation with a representative of our State Department of Education and with our own school officials we developed twenty-four such factors. Before describing them, let us explain how we arrived at a minimum acreage which we believe desirable in a site for a new high school.

Minimum Acreage Recommendation

Again, our conclusion was reached only after considerable discussion, reading and consultation with experts, and this conclusion is that a minimum of 20 acres is desirable. Our school officials estimate that by the mid-1950's we will have a high school population of 1,000, and that it will continue to grow beyond that for some time. For a school of that size, the lowest recommendation we found was a little over 17 acres, and from there recommendations ranged as high as 100 acres where school grounds and park facilities for general community use could be combined.

The accompanying chart (Exhibit 2) is reproduced from the Connecticut Department of Education Building Code which permits lots for schools of one thousand population as small as 10 and a fraction acres presumably in congested locations, but recommends 17 and a fraction acres as a satisfactory minimum.

The second chart (Exhibit 3) taken from a book entitled, "A Guide for Planning School Buildings", published in Lansing, Michigan, in 1945 shows 24 acres as the minimum recommended for a school of 1,000 pupils. We have much other data supporting our recommendation, data stressing the importance "quiet", freedom from traffic congestion, "freedom from smoke" and also, of course, of room for the development of parking space and athletic and physical education areas.

The 24 Factors Or Points of Difference

Now let us look at the work sheet we developed (exhibit 4), listing the five sites to be studied and the 24 factors common to all on which they could be compared. In addition to these 24 factors there are several other important considerations which apply only to one or two sites. These will be discussed later.

We have already discussed the first factor. The second is "Acreage now owned by the Town", an obvious consideration as is "Acreage to be Purchased".

A factor to be considered in connection with each site is the "Athletic and Physical Education Facilities now Available", as well as the "Opportunity for Development of Athletic Facilities." Naturally to be considered are "Future Extension Possibilities", "Suitability for Normal Building Foundations", "Cost of Preparing Site—Drainage, etc." "Availability of Space for Parking Area", "Freedom from Injury to Existing Facilities" as would be the case, for instance, if a school were to be built on land now used as a playground. Two other factors of obvious importance are "Distance to Population Center" and "Distance to Geographical Center." Also of vital importance is the matter of value of property to be taken. There are two considerations here. The first is the "Cost to the Town" and second, "Value to the Town after Conversion to

School Purposes." This will be explained at greater length later when we give you the actual dollar figures.

Other considerations of course, are the cost of "street", "water", "sewer" and "electric" connections, and here again we have the additional consideration of the value to the Town of these facilities for other than school purposes. Last, there are two intangible considerations.

The first is "Beauty of Setting and Freedom from Smoke, Noise and Traffic Congestion." Most authorities list this consideration second only to acreage in importance. And the last factor on which all the sites can be compared is "Freedom from Disruption of School Activities During Construction."

Description of Sites

Now let's look at these sites one by one, first locating them on the Town Map (Exhibit 5).

Birch Meadow

The first is Birch Meadow. (Exhibit 6) As those of you familiar with land know, the name "Birch Meadow" is a misnomer—at least so far as the proposed building site is concerned. The level part of this area was at one time a farm and was later flooded by a mill dam. In fact, the sluice-way is still recognizable near the northwest corner of the plot. The total area under consideration consists of 38 acres made up of the hill on the eastern side, where it is proposed to build the high school, knolls, and fields, 33.2 acres are now owned by the Town, and the area to be taken if this site is chosen is 4.8 acres with an assessed valuation of \$3,300.00. Including the land to be taken, there are now 20 acres of high or filled land south and southwest of Waverly Road. Of the balance, some is already filled; some requires no fill; and some is gradually being filled with clean material by the Public Works Department.

The 20-acre filled area now has a softball field, tennis courts, and other athletic and recreational facilities which will be described later. On this drawing we have outlined the building which the School Department had designed for this site, so that you can form a better idea of relative areas.

Junior High School

Next is the Junior High School site (Exhibit 7) where the entire area under construction is 24 acres including that used by the Junior High School. Of these 24 acres, the Town owns 16, and 8 acres with an assessed valuation of \$85,325.00 would have to be taken. Here again we have drawn an outline of the proposed school. Of course, this is probably not the design that would be used at this site, but it does serve to indicate the amount of space for the building. The land to be taken is

the entire frontage on Summer Ave. between King and Temple Streets and the frontage on Temple Street down to its end. The land between the school and the railroad tracks is low and most of it is unfilled.

Senior High School

Next is the Senior High School site (Exhibit 8) of which the Town now owns 1.59 acres. The 1.54 acres that should be taken if this site is to be used, have an assessed valuation of \$38,675.00. It is impractical to take land to the south in this same block because of the nature of the property, which includes the First Baptist Church and parsonage. Another objection is the fairly steep slope of the land to the south of the present school property. The total acreage available here is 3.13 and is too small to show an outline of the high school building.

Sunnyside Ave. and the Washington St. Playground

The Sunnyside Avenue area (Exhibit 9) totalling 20 acres consists of the Washington Street Playground now owned by the Town and having 5.5 acres and 14.7 connected acres having an assessed valuation of \$5,200.00 which would have to be taken. The Washington Street Playground contains the only regulation-size baseball diamond in Reading. It is well laid out and in good condition. The area around the diamond isn't quite as great as is desirable, but the diamond is used for high school games. There are also two tennis courts and other facilities which will be described later. The 14.7 acres that would have to be taken is made up of about 60% of land now being farmed and 40% of woodland. The land being farmed is good, solid ground which would be suitable for a high school building. Much of the woodland however, is low and swampy.

Sweetser Field

Sweetser Field (Exhibit 9) consists of approximately 6.75 acres. We understand that some of this land is available to the Town as a gift. At least there was an item in the Chronicle to that effect two or three years ago. However, it is understood that the owners would want to retain a house and barn which are on the western side of the property near the intersection of the railroad tracks and Main Street, and they would want to keep a suitable amount of land around these buildings. The whole area is assessed for \$16,425.00, of which \$3,950.00 is for the buildings.

Here again we have not traced the proposed building, but the drawing of the Sunnyside Avenue site shows about what proportion of the space it would occupy. Here, as at each of the other sites, the ground is suitable for foundations.

Comparison of Sites

Now, let's see how these figures you have seen compare (Exhibit 4). First, the factor of available acreage. As we have seen, at Birch Meadow, there are 38 acres; at Junior High, 24; Senior High, 3.13; Sweetser Field, 6.75; and Sunnyside Avenue, 20. To score these sites we have given an arithmetic score of 1 to sites having 20 or more acres and have scored the others in the same ratio to 1 as their acreage is to 20. In the case of Junior High School we have given a score on 14 acres in order to give effect to the 10 acres which is deemed necessary for the Junior High School's own use. This gives a score of 1 to Birch Meadow, .7 to Junior High School, .15 to Senior High School, .34 to Sweetser Field, and 1 to Sunnyside Avenue.

On the other 23 factors the arithmetic scores range from 0 for the poorest to 1 for best. In the case of acreage now owned by the Town, for instance, Birch Meadow with 33.2 acres so owned, gets a score of 1, whereas Sweetser Field gets a score of 0. Although some of the Sweetser Field land may be available as a gift, the Town would be losing the assessed valuation, and this was deemed a proper score. Scores on the other sites fall into proper ratio.

On the factor of acreage to be purchased, the scores are .73 for Birch Meadow, .47 for Junior High, 1 for Senior High School with the least acreage to be purchased, .57 for Sweetser Field and 0 for Sunnyside Avenue with most acreage to be purchased.

In the case of athletic and physical education facilities now available, we have given the highest score to the Junior High School site, where there is a regulation football field with the bleachers, a cinder track, a softball field with back stop, an indoor modern gymnasium, and a basketball court. The football field gives occasional trouble by being slippery and sometimes creates a considerable traffic problem in nearby streets. Incidentally, this also happens when there is any well attended event at the school. However, the athletic facilities are the best in Town and give this site a score of 1 on this factor. At the Sunnyside Avenue there are a baseball diamond, two tennis courts, six electrically-lighted horseshoe courts, a wading pool, a basketball backboard, swings, and one of the Rube Goldberg arrangements of pipes known as a "Jungle Gym", giving it second place with a score of .7. Birch Meadow with its six tennis courts, five of which can be lighted for night games, a handball court, wading pool, hockey rink, its larger skating area, a softball field with bleachers, Jungle Gym, swings, and two outdoor fireplaces, rate third. The Senior High School does have a combination basketball court and gymnasium which is inadequate. Both this site and Sweetser Field where sandlot ball is played, have been given a score of 0 on this factor.

The next two factors are scored on the basis of land available. In the case of "future extension possibilities" we have given consideration to extension of both outdoor and indoor facilities.

In the case of "suitability for normal building foundations" we found that there is practically no difference in the various sites. Although conditions are different, type of construction would be adjusted accordingly and costs would be about equal, as near as this committee could determine without detailed plans and engineering investigation.

The same is true in the case of the next factor which includes drainage and landscaping of the actual building site and land immediately adjacent thereto. Here again, although the work would be different at the various sites the cost as nearly as can be determined need not vary appreciably.

On the next factor, "availability of space for parking area" the scores are again, of course, based on land available.

In the case of "freedom from injury to existing facilities" there would be none with the exception of the Junior High School, where land now used for play or parking would have to be built on.

Scores on "distance to population center" (Exhibit 5) and "distance to geographical center" are mathematically exact. The distances are given in miles. The "population center" is calculated to be a little south-east of the Highland School just across School Street from the end of Dudley Street. It is interesting to note that the distance from the population center to the Birch Meadow building site is only 12/100 of a mile farther than to the Sunnyside Avenue site. This means that a shift northward in the population center of 6/100 of a mile, or 317 feet, would make these two sites equally distant from the population center. This fact, no doubt, will come as a surprise to many people who remember Reading when its population was only half of what it is now. On this factor the Senior High School gets a high score, with Junior High and Sweetser Field tied for second place, Sunnyside Avenue 4th, and Birch Meadow, last with 0.

"Distance to the geographical center of the Town" is also an important consideration because the probable trend of the "population center" is toward the "geographical center". For instance, of the 75 homes built in Reading in 1945 and 1946 36 are north of the Birch Meadow Site, and 14 are south of the Sunnyside Avenue site. 47 are north of the present "population center" and 28 south thereof.

In discussing location it perhaps should be pointed out that a new high school might benefit by having certain facilities available elsewhere for a while after the new building actually goes into use. For instance, if the new high school did not have a football field as is the case with the present high school, the squad would go back and forth to Junior High School for practice. Listed in their order of convenience from this point of view, the sites are: Sunnyside Avenue, Senior High School, Sweet-

ser Field and Birch Meadow.

While discussing the geographical aspects of the problem, a few other facts should be brought out. According to the Planning Board Map as Revised to 1941, there were at that time 90 homes in Reading more than 2 miles from Birch Meadow; there were 200 homes more than 2 miles from Junior High School; and there were 216 homes more than 2 miles from the Sunnyside Avenue site. This would be an important consideration if it is ever decided to transport high school pupils 2 miles or more distant from the school.

Another interesting fact is the available acreage suitable for building above and below a line drawn east and west through the center of population. There are approximately 1471 acres north of such a line and 640 acres south of it. We calculate that if all land in Reading suitable for building was built on, the center of population would be near the western end of Weston Rd.

On the next two factors the scores are again exactly mathematical on the basis of dollars. Although it is realized that actual cost of property to be taken would be more than assessed valuations and that there would be demolition expenses, the assessed valuation figures do give us an accurate comparison.

In the case of "value to Town after conversion to school purposes" the figure given is the assessed value of land only; that is, in the case of property where there are buildings, it is the value after the buildings have been removed.

Again, in the cases of street, water, and sewer costs, scores are precisely based on estimated dollar costs. It was found that the cost of electrical connections was approximately the same at all sites. This seemed a little surprising at first but a double check was made and it was found to be so. In the case of the sewer connections at Birch Meadow, it should be stated that cost figure is based on bringing in a sewer from the Hartshorn Street or westerly side. It would be possible to bring a sewer in from the Main Street at a slightly less cost to the Town, but the Public Works Department feels it would be of greater benefit to the Town to come in from Hartshorn Street.

The "value to the Town for other than school purposes" of these three utility additions is evaluated next. It is interesting to note that the additional eventual cost to the Town of sewerage at Birch Meadow, an item which has caused many qualms in early discussions, is actually only \$10,000.

The next two factors are the only ones where opinion replaces fact as a basis of scoring. In the case of "beauty of setting, etc." our Committee very carefully studied all the sites, under both summer and winter conditions, and we have scored them according to our best judgment. Birch Meadow which has been given the highest score is 38 acres of fields and wooded knolls and is surrounded on the west and north by

woods, on the east by a hilltop with a few houses, and on the south by woods and houses with the tennis courts lying along the edge of the tract.

The Sunnyside Avenue site, which ranks next, is bounded on the west by some wooded land, a greenhouse and houses, the north, by a house and greenhouses; on the east, by an entrance to Washington Street Playground, houses and other buildings; and on the south by wooded land.

The Junior High School is in an attractive setting, except that the railroad tracks run along its northeastern side.

The Senior High School is in a congested area as is Sweetser Field, which in addition abuts on the railroad tracks.

As to the final factor, there would be no disruption of activity at Birch Meadow, Sweetser Field, or Sunnyside Avenue. At the Junior High School, there would necessarily be some interference with school activities, and at the Senior High School there would be considerable to complete disruption of school activities.

Degree of Importance of the 24 Factors

Now, it is obvious that some of these factors are more important than others, and our next task was to evaluate them. The committee members had this in mind from the time our analytical approach was decided upon. We had discussed the matter with Mr. Russell Mack of the State Department of Education and with our own school officials before beginning to work out our figures. This part of our job was done with painstaking care over a period of several weeks.

Most authorities consider that primary requirements in a school site are: first, adequate space for present needs and future expansion of both building and outdoor facilities; second, suitable surroundings with freedom from noise, smoke and traffic congestion; and third, "convenience of location" a slightly higher score than "suitable surroundings", having given a weight of 11% of the total problem to "distance to population center" and 4% to "distance to geographical center", compared with 10% for "beauty of setting". We have grouped the factors as you see, having given a total weight of 50% to all the physical factors, 15% to location", 15% to "value of property to be purchased", 5% to "utilities costs", 3% to "utilities value to Town for other than school purposes", and 12% to the two intangibles.

We grouped these factors because to some extent the weight given in certain cases is interchangeable with others, and it is really the total that counts. For instance, "available acreage", opportunity for development of "athletic facilities", "future extension possibilities", and "availability of parking space" are really almost the same thing, so that the total of the weights given these factors is really the weight given the overall area factor.

"Acreage now owned by the Town" and "acreage to be purchased",

though temporary considerations, are important both from the point of view of cost and of inconvenience to owners of property which would have to be acquired, particularly in these days of housing shortages.

As stated earlier, there is no important difference in the sites under consideration in the case of either suitability for normal building foundations or cost of preparing the actual building sites. Therefore, each of these factors has been given a weight of 0, but as in the case of electricity they have been left in this list to show that they have been studied.

"Freedom from injury to existing facilities" such as the recreational or parking areas, at the Junior High School, has been given a weight of 3.

"Assessed value of property to be taken" has been given a weight of 13 in consideration of the importance of costs, particularly under present conditions.

"Value to Town after conversion to school purposes" is weighted at 2 because the amounts are comparatively small, and the likelihood of sale by the Town slight for several decades at least.

Each item under "Utility costs" has been given a weight corresponding roughly to its relation to the cost of the whole project, as is the case in their "value to the Town for other than school purposes."

We have already discussed the next factor and, although "freedom from disruption of school activities during construction" would be important in the case of the Senior High Site, it would be a temporary condition and seemed to us to be about 2% of the entire problem.

Final Score

Now, the scores which you see at the bottom of the statistical tabulation are the totals of the arithmetic scores times the degree of importance. That is, in the case of Birch Meadow, for instance, the arithmetic score in the first factor, is 1 and the degree of importance is 22, giving us a weighted score of 22 times 1. These final scores are

Birch Meadow	78.39
Sunnyside Avenue	71.405
Junior High School	53.16
Senior High School	37.79
Sweetser Field	37.36

So much for the factors common to all sites.

Special Considerations

As stated earlier, there are also a few considerations special to two of the sites. First, the case of Birch Meadow. The photograph (Exhibit 10) shows only a very small part of the area. It does, however, show the hill on which it is proposed to build the new school. It is taken from the softball field looking east. The hill, as has been said, is on the

southeastern edge of the Birch Meadow area, and the proposal is to build the school along the side of the hill which you see. There are now twenty acres of good land available here. In addition, there is another 18 acre piece, some of which requires fill, which is already owned by the Town on this location. Another advantage is the shape of the plot which lends itself to efficient use.

The other site on which there are special considerations is Sunnyside Avenue. The photograph (Exhibit 11) which are taken at the Sunnyside Avenue Site, as in the case of the Birch Meadow picture, shows only a small section of the area. However, it does give you some idea of the tract's appearance. It is taken from the edge of Washington Street Playground looking west across the cultivated area which lies south of the greenhouses. In fact, you can see a corner of one greenhouse. The houses you see are on Sunnyside and Fairview Avenues.

One special consideration at this site is the lowness of the land to the west and south of the area now under cultivation. The greater part of this land is swampy. There is a brook with a tributary which flows through it all the year round, and judging by the erosion we saw, this brook overflows its banks for many feet in some places at some times of the year. This lowness probably accounts for the fact that the land has never been developed. One of the owners of the adjacent cultivated land said he did not even consider it worth using for horticultural purposes. When a garage was built on Main Street just to the east of this area, it was necessary to put in piles under one corner where workmen struck about 15 feet of peat, under which were 4 feet of hard pan with soft running sand under this. As a matter of fact, the previous committee to report on available high school sites rejected the Sunnyside Avenue area from further considerations because of this swampy condition. However, the acreage is there, the brooks could be routed through culverts and the land filled and made suitable for play fields or a parking area.

There is one other situation which affects this area adversely as a site for a high school. Although the cultivated area here is simply farm land assessed for only \$5,000.00, it is used in conjunction with the greenhouses which you saw on the tracing of this site. The greenhouse proprietors told us that they use the land to change soil in the greenhouses. It is also used during some of the summer months in growing carnations. These plants are started in the greenhouse in winter and transplanted outdoors in early summer, left there for a few weeks, and then re-transplanted back into the greenhouses. According to the greenhouse owners, their entire property, including the greenhouses and boiler plant, would be worthless for their purposes without this land. When asked for their idea of the extent of the damage to their business in case the land was taken for school purposes, they gave us a figure of \$150,000. They told us that this would be approximately the cost of replacing the

greenhouses and boiler plant some where else or moving the present buildings. We asked other greenhouse proprietors for their ideas and were told that greenhouses could be and are used without changing the soil by some growers, particularly of vegetables. It is obvious, therefore, that although taking the land under consideration make the property valueless in the eyes of the present owners, it probably could be given some value if used for different crops. The Town Counsel, advised us that in the case of land taking in Reading, there is no limit, as there is in cities, on the amount the Court could award an owner.

That completes our presentation of facts about these five sites.

The work of this Committee was done at a cost to the Town of under \$100.00.

The Committee wishes to thank the State Department of Education, the Reading Public Works Department, the Municipal Light Board, the Board of Assessors and the Reading School Department for their willing and indispensable co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Article 22. On motion of Alexander Glover it was voted to take up Article 22.

That the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire for and in behalf of the Town, by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon in or adjoining Birch Meadow, so-called, being the Northeasterly portion of Lot 61 containing approximately 3.37 acres, which lot is shown on Town of Reading Assessors Plat 35, Lot 41, 47, 117, 118, 122 and 123 as shown in Town of Reading Assessors Plat 64, and to dedicate certain other parcels of land now owned by the Town, being Lots 33 to 40 both inclusive, Lots 42 to 46 both inclusive, Lot 116, 119, 120, 121, and 124 and 125 all as shown on said Town of Reading Assessors' Plat 64, including that part of Cold Spring, Hillside, Glendale and Oakland Roads, Private Ways as may be determined by the School Committee or such portions of the above lots or parcels as said Committee may deem advis-

able, for the construction of a new Senior High School, and that the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be raised and appropriated for such purchase or taking.

125 voted in the affirmative. 17 voted in the negative.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted to take up Article 3.

On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year: Harold B. Currell, Fred F. Smith, Maurice H. Donegan. And that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark: Percy N. Sweetser, Harold B. Currell, Thomas F. Brogan.

Article 3. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that Mr. Newell H. Morton be and he hereby is elected a member of the Recreation Committee to fill the vacancy created by the Resignation of Charles N. Sweetser.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty One Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$36,951.50) be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Selectmen's Clerical	1,820.00
Town Accountant's Salary	3,300.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,700.00
Treasurer's Expenses	800.00
Treasurer's Clerical	525.00
Collector's Salary	2,915.00
Collector's Expenses	1,100.00
Assessor's Salaries	3,000.00
Assessor's Expenses	1,500.00
Assessor's Clerical	3,640.00
Town Counsel's Salary	1,625.00
Town Counsel's Expenses	550.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,200.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	1,071.50
Registrars' Salaries	450.00
Registrars' Expenses	955.00
Election and Registration Expense	1,000.00
Planning Board Expense	100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	5,500.00
Municipal Building Maintenance	1,640.00
Janitor's Services, Municipal Building	1,560.00
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	\$ 36,951.50

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Five Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$128,705.16) be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows:

Police Dept. Salaries	\$ 47,120.00
Police Dept. Pensions	4,483.16
Police Dept. Maintenance	6,200.00
Police Station Maintenance	2,175.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	35,900.00
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries	3,850.00
Fire Dept. Pensions	3,850.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance	3,025.00
Fire Stations Maintenance	2,080.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,275.00
Fire Alarm Extension	800.00
Hydrant Rentals	500.00
Moth and Tree Dept. Salaries	10,866.25
Moth and Tree Dept. Maintenance	3,133.75
Inspector of Building Salary	1,000.00
Inspector of Wires Salary	210.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary	551.25
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expense	250.00
Game Warden Salary	105.00
Dog Officer's Salary	330.75
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	\$128,705.16

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Eight One Dollars (\$11,281.00) be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 315.00
Board of Health Expenses	300.00
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	525.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	220.50
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary	220.50
Care of Contagious Diseases	5,000.00
Garbage Collection	3,600.00
Dental Clinic	1,100.00
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	\$ 11,281.00

Article 4. On motion of Clarence J. Stalliday it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and

Seventy-Five Dollars (\$138,475.00) be raised and appropriated for charities and aid as follows:

Salaries for General Aid, Administrative	\$ 4,000.00
Office Expense for General Aid, Administrative	600.00
General Aid	17,500.00
Salaries for Aid to Dependent Children, Administrative	1,700.00
Aid to Dependent Children	16,675.00
Salaries for Old Age Assistance, Adm.	7,000.00
Old Age Assistance	91,000.00
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	\$138,475.00

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Veterans' Benefits as follows:

Salaries	\$ 1,644.00
Office Expense	575.00
Aid	8,781.00
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	\$ 11,000.00

Article 4. On motion of Alexander Glover it was moved that the sum of \$440,413.94 be raised and appropriated for the School Department as follows:

General Salaries including Superintendent, teachers, clerks, janitors, matrons, and compulsory attendance	\$331,718.94
General Maintenance, including travel outside State	61,695.00
Industrial Tuition	2,000.00
School Cafeteria	45,000.00
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	\$440,413.94

Article 26. Motion made by Gilbert Lothrop to take up Article 26 together with Article 4 was voted unanimously. On motion made by Gilbert Lothrop that the School Committee's appropriation be amended under General Salaries by substituting \$358,061.46 thereby changing the total School Department appropriation from \$440,413.94 to \$466,756.46. Voted in the negative.

The original motion of Article 4 as made by Mr. Glover was then voted in the affirmative.

Article 4. On motion of Fred Nutter it was voted that the sum of fifteen thousand two hundred dollars (\$15,200.00) be raised and appropriated for salaries for the maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside the State.

Article 4. On motion made by William J. Tonks that the sum of eleven thousand three hundred and fifty-three dollars (\$11,353.00) be raised and appropriated for the Public Library to be divided as follows:

Salaries	\$ 8,003.00
Maintenance	3,350.00
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	\$ 11,353.00

Article 4. Substitute motion made by Gardner Long that the sum (\$10,650.00) ten thousand six hundred fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the Public Library to be divided as follows:

Salaries	\$ 7,300.00
Maintenance	3,350.00
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	\$ 10,650.00

The vote on Mr. Tonk's motion was in the negative.

The vote on Mr. Long's motion was in the affirmative.

Article 4. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-five (\$224,925.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows:

Salaries for Administration	\$ 6,050.00
Supplies and Office Expenses	875.00
Salaries for Construction and maintenance of highways	32,500.00
Expenses for Repairs, construction and maintenance of highways, setting curbs, purchase or otherwise acquiring land for sand and gravel purposes, purchase of material, tools and equipment and other incidental expenses pertaining thereto	29,500.00
Salaries for Removal of snow and ice	11,000.00
Expenses for Removal of snow and ice	9,000.00
Salaries for Construction and maintenance of sidewalks	7,400.00
Expenses for Construction and maintenance of sidewalks ..	2,400.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Storm Drains	3,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Storm Drains	2,600.00
Salaries for Construction of Storm Drains	5,800.00
Expenses for Construction of Storm Drains	3,800.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Dumps	2,400.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Dumps	200.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Park Dept. and Common and Supervised Play	6,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Common and Park and Supervised Play	2,500.00

Salaries for Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer System	9,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer System, Payment of Interest on Sewer Bonds ..	11,000.00
Salaries for Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer ..	3,700.00
Expenses for Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer ..	1,100.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Salaries for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Water Works	35,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance, Construction and Operation of Water Works, Payment of Water Bonds and Interest including travel outside of State	40,000.00

of which amount the sum of Eleven Thousand (\$11,000.00) Dollars shall be transferred from Water Department Available Surplus to Water Department Maintenance, Construction and Operation and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to said account.

Total	\$224,925.00
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Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Post No. 62, American Legion and Post No. 685, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,127.50) be raised and appropriated for Interest not including Water, Light and Sewer.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including water and light.

Article 4. On motion of Boyd Stewart, it was voted that the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Seven Dollars and Forty Seven Cents (\$26,527.47) be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System to be divided as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund	\$ 25,777.47
Expense Fund	750.00

\$ 26,527.47

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Nine Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$14,749.71) be raised and appropriated for Insurance.

Article 4. On motion of Herbert Evans it was voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00), and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriations to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant, including payments of Bonds and Notes, the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils, and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or addition thereto, and that if said sum of \$16,000 and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund to the Reserve Fund, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the Street Lists for the year 1947, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00)) be raised and appropriated for the further development of the Town Forest, as follows:

Salary	\$ 1,700.00
Materials and Supplies	100.00
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	\$ 1,800.00

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay article 4 on the table.

On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted to adjourn, to meet in Security Hall on Monday, March 24, 1947 at 7:45 P. M.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

March 24, 1947

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 17, 1947 meeting, no notice was required by the Town Clerk.

Article 5. On motion of Kenneth Latham, it was voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. On motion of Kenneth Latham, it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption of any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Article 7. On motion of Boyd Stewart it was voted that a sum not exceeding One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars be transferred from General Highway appropriation and that a sum not exceeding Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for maintenance of various streets previously constructed under Chapter 90 General Laws; and that a further sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the construction under Chapter 90 General Laws of a portion of Lowell Street provided however, that such sums received as reimbursements from the State and County shall be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 8. On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted that the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws.

Article 9. On motion of Boyd Stewart it was voted that the sum of Eight Hundred and Ninety Six Dollars and Forty-three cents (\$896.43) be raised and appropriated to pay into the Contributory Retirement System for Municipal Employees, excluding school teachers, for the benefit of municipal employees on military leave of absence during the year 1946 as provided for and under the authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 10. On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 10.

Article 11. On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted that Article III of the By-laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by adding after Section 2 the following sections:

Section 3. The Collector of Taxes shall collect, under the title of Town Collector, all accounts due the Town which are committed to him.

Section 4. Every department of the Town shall deliver to the Town Accountant at least once in every month a separate statement of each account due the Town arising through any transaction with such department. Upon receipt of such statements of accounts the Town Accountant shall commit such accounts to the Town Collector for collection. This section shall not apply to taxes and special assessments, licenses and permits issued or granted by the various departments of the Town nor to costs and fees charged by said departments, nor to interest on investments of sinking or Trust funds, nor to accounts due the Municipal Light Department.

Section 5. Any account committed by the Town Accountant which the Town Collector is unable to collect by ordinary efforts may be referred by the Town Collector to the Town Accountant or Town Counsel for instruction as to procedure. So far as permitted by law any account or portion thereof may be abated by the department in which such account originated. The Town Accountant shall be notified in writing of the abatement of any such committed account or portion thereof.

Section 6. The Town Collector shall, once in each week or oftener, pay over to the Treasurer all money received by him during the preceding week or lesser period on every such account, including any sums received as interest on moneys received by him on such accounts and deposited in any bank. He shall give bonds to the Town for the faithful performance of his duties in a form approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and in such sum, not less than the amount that may be established by said Commissioner, as shall be fixed by the Selectmen.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to take Article 4 from the table. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) be raised and appropriated for Tax Collector's Clerical Expense.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted to lay Article 4 on the table.

Article 12. On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted to take up Article 12.

Article 12. On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorized and empowered to petition the Director of Accounts of the Department of Corporations and Taxation for the installation of an accounting system in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 13. On motion of Fred Nutter it was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery for the Maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of said cemeteries, under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 14. On motion of Fred Nutter, it was voted that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a motor truck for the use of the Cemetery Department.

Article 15. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Road Machinery Account and transferred to the Road Machinery Fund for the maintenance, repair and operation of road machinery and for the purchase by the Board of Public Works of one trailer, one clam shell bucket, one tractor with front mounted bucket and one truck and that the proceeds received from the old equipment shall be appropriated in addition to the \$20,000.00 as part of the purchase price for the above mentioned equipment, and that the Town Accountant, be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 16. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars be appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street from Winthrop Avenue Southeasterly toward Reading Square together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws. Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars of said \$5,000.00 shall be raised from the tax levy and Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars shall be appropriated by transferring said amount from the unexpended balance in the Charles Street Chapter 90 Construction account, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 17. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a Public Way of a Private Way known as Curtis Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

TOWN OF READING

Middlesex, ss.

March 1947

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Curtis Street

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter

described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the Town running in a Southerly direction from the present Town Way known as South Street as accepted April 3, 1876, a distance of 1010.90 feet to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of the Private Way known as Curtis Street, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginnng at a point in the Southerly side line of said South Street, said point being N. 74° -13' 30" W. a distance of 308.95 feet, measured along said Southerly side line of South Street, from a Drill Hole in a stone wall on said Southerly side line of South Street;

Thence by a curved line West to South, having a radius of 20.0 feet, through lands of Hiram A. Tobey, Trustee of the Keeling Village Trust, a length of 31.97 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 14° -10' 30" W. by lands of said Tobey, Trustee, and by lands of Jose Coelho, Maria Coelho, Anthony J. Braga, Jr. and Mary Braga, a distance of 442.58 feet to an angle point;

Thence S. 17° -10' 30" W., still by lands of said Coelho et al, lands of Jesse D. Martin and Agnes Q. Martin, and lands of Pinecroft Development Trust, George J. Farpelha, Trustee, a distance of 547.15 feet to a point, said point being the Southerly terminus of the Easterly side line of this layout;

Thence N. 75° -55' 50" W., a distance of 40.06 feet to a point, said point being situated at the Southerly terminus of the Westerly side line of this layout;

Thence N. 17° -10' 30" E., by lands of Martin Butt and Ellen E. Butt, Raymond G. Iverson and Helen E. Iverson a town way known as George Street, other lands of said Pinecroft Development Trust, and lands of Dana R. Perkins, a distance of 521.56 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 1,000.0 feet, still by lands of said Perkins, a length of 52.36 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 14° -10' 30" E., still by lands of said Perkins, lands of Edward D. Weadick and Mabel B. Weadick, and lands of Alice E. Doyle and George L. Doyle a distance of 417.07 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 20.0 feet through lands of said Alice E. Doyle and George L. Doyle, a length of 30.86 feet to a point, said point being situated on the said Southerly side line of South Street;

Thence S. 74° -13' 30" E., along said Southerly side line of South Street, a distance of 80.03 feet to the point therein designated as the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Curtis Street, Reading, Mass.," dated January 1947, Board of

Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Curtis Street.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary
HAROLD W. PUTNAM

Members of Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

Article 18. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a Public Way of a Private Way known as George Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

TOWN OF READING

Middlesex, ss.

March 1947

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying out of George Street

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the Town running in a North-Westerly direction from a Town Way known as Curtis Street a distance of 368.53 feet to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of the Private Way known as George Street, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly side line of said Curtis Street, said point being N. 17°-10' 30" E., a distance of 141.50 feet measured along said Westerly side line of Curtis Street from a stone wall marking the South-Westerly terminus of said Curtis Street at Station 10 and 11.98 West;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Northerly and Westerly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, through lands of Raymond G. Iverson and Helen E. Iverson, a length of 32.25 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 75°-30' 50" W., still by lands of said Iverson et ux, and by lands of Joseph W. Brown and Gladys Brown, Harry R. Livingston and Judith R. Livingston, and Clayton N. Hirtle and Georgina C. Hirtle, a distance of 325.75 feet to an angle point;

Thence turning and running S. 59°-27' W., still by lands of said Hirtle et ux, a distance of 31.37 feet to a point, said point being the Westerly terminus of the Southerly side line of this layout;

Thence turning and running N. 16°-14' E., by lands of Mary S. Jewett and by lands of Alice E. Doyle and George L. Doyle, a distance of 62.23 feet to a point, said point being the Westerly terminus of the Northerly side line of this layout.

Thence turning and running S. 75°-30' 50" E., by lands of Jake A. Ballentine and Virginia N. Ballentine, Edward J. Dinan and Catherine S. Dinan, and Pinecroft Development Trust, George J. Farpelha, Trustee, a distance of 349.76 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the left, running in an Easterly and Northerly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, still through lands of said Trust, a length of 30.48 feet to a point on the said Westerly side line of Curtis Street;

Thence S. 17°-10' 30" W., along said Westerly side line of Curtis Street, a distance of 80.08 feet to the point designated herein as the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "George Street, Reading, Mass." dated January 1947, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named George Street.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary
HAROLD W. PUTNAM

Members of Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

Article 19. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-five (\$9,535.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of such streets as may be determined by the Board of Public Works, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

\$4,000.00 for salaries

\$5,535.00 for materials and other expenses.

Article 20. On motion made by Harold Putnam it was voted that article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 21. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Forty Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all powers conferred therein including the purchase of the necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation.

Article 23. On motion of Alexander P. Glover it was voted that Article 23 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 24. On motion of Alexander P. Glover it was voted that the sum of thirteen thousand (\$13,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the transportation of school children for the year 1947.

Article 25. On motion of Alexander P. Glover it was voted that the sum of five hundred and fifty (\$550.00) dollars be raised and appropriated to pay into the teachers retirement system for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1946 as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 27. On motion of Joseph H. Reed it was voted that the subject matter of Article 27 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights, as in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type, and location of existing street lights, as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the Plant.

Article 28. On motion of William J. Tonks it was voted that Article 28 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 29. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be raised and appropriated under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, and that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to appoint a Director to cooperate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs.

Article 30. On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post No. 62 of the American Legion.

Article 31. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$650.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post No. 685, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 32. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn Sine Die. Adjourned 9:00 P. M. at Security Hall, March 24, 1947.

A true record. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn

Street, in said Reading on **Monday, the Twenty-Seventh Day of October, 1947** at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Municipal Building Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Police Department Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Fire Department Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the purpose of reimbursing Police Officer Edward Hubbard for medical expenses and hospital charges resulting from injuries sustained in line of duty or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the purpose of printing the report and incidental expenses of the Wage and Salary Classification Committee or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee for the purpose of studying and resurveying the zoning by-law and building code with a view of making such recommendations to the Town to meet the present requirements of the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to close all of the Town offices on Saturdays as authorized by Chapter 265 of the Acts of 1947, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine a parcel of land owned by the Town and situated on the Northerly side of Willow Street and containing 28,120 square feet, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning by-law and zoning map by extending the Residence "A 2" District so as to include therein the area hereinafter described:

Beginning at a point 250 feet Northerly from the junction of Haverhill and Franklin Streets at the present Residence "A 2" District;

thence NORTHERLY by the center line of Haverhill Street 1750 feet more or less to a point opposite the Northerly boundary line of

land of Oscar W. Batchelder; thence turning and running NORTH-WESTERLY by a stone wall marking the Northerly line of land of said Batchelder 750 feet more or less to a drill hole at an angle in said stone wall;

thence turning and running WESTERLY 1500 feet more or less to a point 250 feet Easterly from the center line of Pearl Street at its most Northeasterly point and the present boundary line of the Residence "A 2" District;

thence SOUTHERLY and SOUTHEASTERLY by the existing boundary line of the present Residence "A 2" District paralleling Pearl and Franklin Streets to the point of beginning;

so that the above described area shall be rezoned and changed to and become part of the Residence "A 2" District. Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Town Clerk's expenses, or what it will do in relation thereto. Town Clerk

Article 12. To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to General Aid, Aid to Dependent Children, and Old Age Assistance, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the payment of a certain unpaid account due in 1946, under authority of Section 64 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and covering rent for quarters for an individual aided by the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 615 of the Acts of 1947, being an Act to increase the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Contributory Retirement Board

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Water Department, Maintenance, Operation and Construction Account or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise for the purpose of laying water mains and for the development of additional wells including the suction mains or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the snow and ice account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, purchasing and operating road machinery and equipment for the use of, and

under the direction of, the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing and from available funds or otherwise for the construction of sewers or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each precinct of the Town, not less than seven days prior to October 27, 1947, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to publish this Warrant in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of October, 1947.

KENNETH C. LATHAM
CHAS. E. WILKINSON
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS

Selectmen of Reading

Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, Mass., October 25, 1947

By virtue of this warrant, I on October seventeenth, 1947 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street in said Reading, as the designated place of the four precincts of the town at the time specified in this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof in the following public places within said Town of Reading.

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden Street; The Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden Street; Central Fire Station.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles' Store, 610 Main Street; Boston & Maine Railroad Depot; Odd Fellows Building.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral Street; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell Street; Engine No. 2 House, Woburn Street.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell Street; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main Street.

And I caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of October 23rd. The date of posting being more than seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant and the date of publication being more than one day prior to the date of meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

October 27, 1947

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at the time specified in the Warrant.

The Warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the Warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Report and Recommendation of the Planning Board

An application was made to the Planning Board to hold a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 40, Section 27, with respect to re-zoning an area of approximately eighteen and four-tenths (18.4) acres of land located westerly of Haverhill Street and northerly of Franklin Street, now included in a Residence A3 District (requiring a minimum lot size of 40,000 square feet), so that said area would become a part of the Residence A2 District (requiring a minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet).

After consideration the Board decided to increase the area under consideration by including additional adjoining land of a similar character to the extent that the entire area would comprise approximately sixty (60) acres including the eighteen and four-tenths (18.4) acres owned by the applicant.

Consequently, after due notice in conformance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 27, the Planning Board held a public hearing on October 20, 1947 on the matter of the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law and Zoning Map. The area in question is described as follows:

Beginning at a point two hundred and fifty (250) feet northerly from the junction of Haverhill and Franklin Streets at the present Residence A2 District; thence northerly by the center line of Haverhill Street seventeen hundred and fifty (1750) feet more or less to a point opposite the northerly boundary line of land of Oscar W. Batchelder; thence turning and running northwesterly by a stone wall marking the northerly line of land of said Batchelder seven hundred and fifty (750) feet more or less to a drill hole at an angle in said stone wall; thence turning and running westerly fifteen hundred (1500) feet, more or less, to a point two hundred and fifty (250) feet easterly from the center line of Pearl Street at its most northeasterly point and the present boundary line of the Residence A2 District; thence southerly and southeasterly by the existing boundary line of the present Residence A2 District paralleling Pearl and Franklin Streets to the point of beginning

At the hearing the petitioner stated that he felt that the minimum

lot size required by the Zoning By-Law for a Residence A3 District, namely forty thousand (40,000) square feet, was excessive and discouraged prospective purchasers. He described the land as attractive for residential building purposes.

No persons appeared in opposition to the petition.

The Planning Board recommends that the Zoning By-laws and the Zoning Map be amended to include the above described land in the Residence A2 District.

PHILIP R. WHITE
A. LLOYD DAVID
GEORGE B. PEASE
WINTHROP D. PARKER

Planning Board

Article 1. On motion of John Devaney it was voted that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and instructed to mail a copy of the Capital Budget Expenditures to each Town Meeting member, when available, cost of same to be taken from available funds.

Article 2. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account to the Municipal Building Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 3. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Miscellaneous Expense Account to the Police Department Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 4. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$8,750.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Fire Department Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 5. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the sum of Forty-nine and 15/100 (49.15) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Overlay Reserve Account for the purpose of reimbursing Police Officer Edward Hubbard for medical expenses and hospital charges resulting from injuries sustained in line of duty and the

Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 6. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Fifty \$(250.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account for the purpose of printing the report and incidental expenses of the Wage and Salary Classification Committee and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 7. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that a Committee of seven members be and hereby is established for the purpose of studying and resurveying the zoning by-law and building code with a view of making such recommendations to meet the present requirements of the Town, such Committee to consist of one member of the Board of Appeals, one member of the Board of Survey, the Building Inspector and four Town Meeting members at large to be appointed by the Moderator, the one member of the Board of Appeals and the one member of the Board of Survey to be chosen and designated by their respective boards; such Committee shall report the result of its study and resurvey at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 8. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that under authority of Chapter 265 of the Acts of 1947 such of the Town Offices may be closed on any or all Saturdays as may be determined from time to time by the respective Town Boards and Departments.

Article 9. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine a parcel of land owned by the Town and situated on the Northerly side of Willow Street, containing 28,120 square feet of land, and said Board of Selectmen are further authorized and empowered to execute for and in behalf of the Town such deeds and other instruments which may be necessary conveying said premises to the purchaser thereof.

Article 10. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the zoning by-law and zoning map be and the same hereby is amended by extending the Residence "A2" District so as to include therein the area hereinafter described:

Beginning at a point 250 feet Northerly from the junction of Haverhill and Franklin Streets at the present Residence "A2" District;

thence NORTHERLY by center line of Haverhill Street 1750 feet more or less to a point opposite the Northerly boundary line of land of Oscar W. Batchelder;

thence turning and running NORTHWESTERLY by a stone wall marking the Northerly line of land of said Batchelder 750 feet more or less to a drill hole at an angle in said stone wall;

thence turning and running WESTERLY 1500 feet more or less to a point 250 feet Easterly from the center line of Pearl Street at its most Northeasterly point and the present boundary line of the Residence "A2" District;

thence SOUTHERLY and SOUTHEASTERLY by the existing boundary line of the present Residence "A2" District paralleling Pearl and Franklin Streets to the point of beginning; so that the above described area shall be rezoned and changed to and become part of the Residence "A2" District.

121 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 11. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account to the Town Clerk's Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 12. On motion of Clarence J. Stalliday it was voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred (\$1200.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account as follows: Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars to Welfare General Aid Account and Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars to Aid to Dependent Children Account, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said accounts.

Article 13. On motion of Joseph Knight it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Sixty (\$160.00) Dollars be appropriated under authority of section 64 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws by Transferring said sum from the Surplus Revenue Account for the payment of a certain unpaid account due in 1946, covering rent for quarters for an individual aided by the Town, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

126 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 14. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the provisions of Chapter 615 of the Acts of 1947, being an Act to increase the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired, be and the same hereby are accepted.

127 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 15. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Twenty-six Hundred (\$2600.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Water Department Available Surplus Account to the Water Department, Maintenance, Operation and Construction Salary Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 16. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of laying water mains and for the development of additional wells including the suction mains, of which sum Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars is for salaries and Nine Thousand (\$9,000.00) Dollars for materials and expenses, and to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars under authority of the provisions of Chapter 405 of the Acts of 1889 and Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in not more than ten (10) years from the date thereof or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine, such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words "Reading Water Loan."

123 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 17. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Snow and Ice Account as follows: Twelve Hundred (\$1200.00) Dollars for salaries and Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars for expenses and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 18. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Road Machinery Account to the Road Machinery Fund for the maintenance, repair, purchase and operation of road machinery and equipment for the use of, and under the direction of the Board of Public Works and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 19. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Sixty-five Thousand (\$65,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing sewers, Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars of which sum shall be re-appropriated by transferring same from the Surplus Revenue Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to carry out the purpose of this vote, and to meet the balance of the appropriation of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars under authority of Chapter 314 of the Acts of 1909 and Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in not more than fifteen (15) years from the date thereof or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine, such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words "Reading Sewerage

Loan, Acts of 1909."

121 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 1. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 1 be taken from the table.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 1.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to adjourn, Sine Die.

Adjourned 9:15 P. M.

Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street in said Reading on **Monday, the Twenty-second Day of December, 1947** at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town Officers, and special committees.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the repair of the traffic signal or beacon in Reading Square or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the 1946 Ford cruising car of the Police Department; to see what disposition the Town will make of the proceeds thereof and to see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the purchase of a new cruising car for the Police Department or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the snow and ice account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise for the purpose of laying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter and for the

development of additional wells including the suction mains or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing and from available funds or otherwise for the construction of sewers or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each Precinct of the town, not less than seven days prior to December 22, 1947, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to publish this Warrant in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of December, A. D., 1947.

KENNETH C. LATHAM

CHAS. E. WILKINSON

G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS

Selectmen of Reading

Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 19, 1947

By virtue of this warrant, I on December 15th, 1947 notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the place and at the time specified in this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof in the following public places within the town of Reading.

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; The Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station, Pleasant St.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles & Sons Store, 610 Main St.; Boston & Maine Railroad Depot; Odd Fellows Building.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Fire Station, No. 2, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St.; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.
the date of posting being seven days prior to December 22, 1947 the date set for the meeting in this warrant.

Also I caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of December 18, 1947 the date of publication being more than one day prior to the date of said meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

December 22, 1947

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at the time specified in the Warrant.

The Warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the Warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. The first action by the assembly was the official recognition of the worth of the late Otis B. Ruggles, former selectman and, at the time of his passing, a member of the delegation from Precinct 4.

Selectman Latham in a brief talk characterized Mr. Ruggles as "A glowing example of a public spirited citizen." In memory of Mr. Ruggles the assembly stood for a few moments of silent tribute.

Article 1. Selectman Kenneth C. Latham informed the town meeting members that settlement of the estate of Dr. Ethel E. Grant was at hand and the town would be called upon to express an opinion on the provisions of the legacy to the town. By a show of hands the members indicated that they would prefer to see the memorial take the form of a swimming pool than a decorative fountain.

Under the terms of the will of the late Dr. Grant the town can have a decorative fountain on the Common or a swimming pool at Memorial Park. Selectman Latham explained that it may not be possible to carry either of these provisions out to the letter and that the probate court might be asked to allow alterations in the conditions. If this cannot be done and the town rejects the bequest for any reason then the money reverts to specified charities.

Dr. Grant passed away in April, 1943 and her will gives from the residue of her estate an amount probably sufficient to provide either of these memorials.

It has been stated that there might be a legal barrier to accepting either proposal and that there might be a desire to have a swimming pool at some place other than Memorial Park. It has also been pointed out heretofore that even if the pool could be built at no expense to the town there might be objection to the extra expense of maintenance of such a facility.

Mr. Latham stated that he was bringing the matter to the attention of the town meeting members now because they might want to think about it prior to taking official action later.

Article 2. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-five (\$375.00) Dollars be appro-

priated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Old Age Assistance Account for the repair of the Traffic Signal or Beacon in Reading Square and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 3. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the 1946 Ford cruising car of the Police Department and that the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange be appropriated, by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Old Age Assistance Account, for the purchase of a new cruising car for the Police Department and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 4. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Snow and Ice Account as follows: Two Thousand Two Hundred (\$2,200.00) Dollars for Salaries and One Thousand Eight Hundred (\$1,800.00) Dollars for expenses and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 5. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of laying Water Mains of not less than six (6) inches but less than sixteen (16) inches in diameter and for the development of additional Wells including Suction Mains of which sum Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars is for Salaries and Nine Thousand (\$9,000.00) Dollars for Materials and Expenses, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in not more than (10) years from the date thereof or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

97 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 6. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Sixty-five Thousand (\$65,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing sewers, Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars of which sum shall be appropriated by transferring same from the Surplus Revenue Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to carry out the purpose of this vote, and to

meet the balance of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars of the appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in not more than fifteen (15) years from the date thereof or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

97 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be taken from the table.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 1.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, Sine Die. Adjourned: 9:15 P. M.

Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON FEES PAID TO THE TOWN

Birth Certificates	\$ 17.75
Death Certificates	38.50
Voters Certificates	6.00
Marriage Licenses and Certificates	390.50
Mortgages and Discharges	853.19
Pole Locations	83.30
Certificates of Business	21.35
Duplicate Dog Tags	1.30
Gasoline Permits	13.50
Bill of Sale	3.00
Dog Transfers	2.25
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	\$ 1,430.64

Total

Miscellaneous	\$ 1,430.64
Dog Fees	192.20
Fish and Game	114.00
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	\$ 1,736.84

Total Turned in to Treasurer

Miscellaneous	\$ 1,430.64
Dog Licenses	2,370.00
Fish and Game	1,008.00
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	\$ 4,808.64

Dogs

3 Kennels at \$25.00	\$ 75.00
1 Kennels at \$50.00	50.00
8 Kennels at \$10.00	80.00
502 Male Dogs at \$2.00	1,004.00
358 Spayed Female Dogs at \$2.00	716.00
89 Female Dogs at \$5.00	445.00
4 Military and Naval Licenses	000.00
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	\$ 2,370.00
County	\$ 2,177.80
Town	192.20
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	\$ 2,370.00

Fish and Game

198 Fishing Licenses at \$2.00	\$ 396.00
105 Hunting Licenses at \$2.00	210.00
91 Sporting Licenses at \$3.25	295.75
51 Women's and Minors Licenses at \$1.25	63.75
2 Minor Trapping Licenses at \$2.25	4.50
6 Trapping Licenses at \$5.25	31.50
1 Non Resident 3 Day Fishing License at \$1.50	1.50
10 Duplicate Licenses at \$.50	5.00
15 Military and Naval Licenses	000.00
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	\$ 1,008.00
State	\$ 894.00
Town	114.00
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	\$ 1,008.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Parent
January		
1	Eleanor Mary Devaney	Lawrence H. and Eleanor L.
1	Deborah Jane Litchfield	Benjamin and Gerda J. H.
2	Linda Mae Flodin	Edwin C. and Jeanette V.
4	Barbara Alison Hoyt	Richard F. and Barbara
4	Francis Patrick Loughran	Francis P. and Amy
5	Geraldine Lynne Gonzalo	Frederick W. and Elizabeth F.
5	Paul Wayne Erickson	Henry W. and Edith Jane
5	John James Marchetti, Jr.	John J. and Lillian L.
6	David Alvin Call	Alvin M. and Edith H. I.
7	Harold Frances Drury, Jr.	Harold F. and Olga E.
11	Mary Josephine Ryan	Thomas C. and Colette
13	Alfred Elwin Lindquist	Alfred E. and Marie H.
13	Helen Elizabeth Surette	John and Esther R.
16	Evelyn Jean Whipple	Frederick I. and Jean B.
16	Frederick Dennis Laroe	Colben J. and Hildur E.
16	Patricia Ann Sheehan	Raymond F. and Dorothy T.
17	Susan Fentress Cotreau	Delmer D. and Edna C.
17	Robert Graham Sawyer	Arthur W. and Alberta B.
20	Martin Edward Carlson	Roy Louis and Norma R.
20	Richard Gordon Millar, Jr.	Richard and Jeanne
21	John Alexander Caires, Jr.	John A. and Constance H.
24	Donald Arthur Burnham	William F. and Dorothy F.
26	Charles Gustave Nyberg	Frederck A. and Barbara L.
24	James Barnes, Jr.	James and Isabella
24	Cynthia Ann Mitchell	Donald and Edith
24	Nancy Merrill	Richard and Lois
27	Michael William Devaney	Michael and Ann F.
28	Richard Alan Laetsch	Robert and Barbara
28	Philip Keniston Parker, Jr.	Philip and Diana
29	Philip Michael Cail	Philip and Mary
30	Sue Ellen Allman	Robert and Martha

February

1	Donna Jean Sears	Edward and Thelma
1	Jonathan Ahlin	Philip and Phyllis
3	——— Lewis	George and Doris
5	Kathleen Mary Arsenault	Leo and Kathleen
5	Leo William Arsenault	Leo and Kathleen
5	William Wayne Corliss	Elbridge and Gladys

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Parent
February		
6	Marsha Ann MacLeod	Everett and Grace
6	Kendall Lawrence Smith	Herbert and Marjorie
6	William Arthur Sorenson, Jr.	William and Edna
9	Raymond Edgar Thorn, Jr.	Raymond and Arliene
10	Bonnie Irene Farr	Arthur and Mary
11	Francis David McDermott	Francis and Mary
11	James Daniel Sullivan	Charles and Dorothy
13	Stephen Joseph Marco	
	Bellantoni	Natale and Irene
14	Elliott Howard Jones	Wilbur and Alice
15	Mark Anthony Shields	John and Alyce
17	Lawrence Dickson Smith	Averell and Marie Louise
17	—— Sweetser	Allen and Dorothy
18	Susan Lois Cutler	Samuel and Eva
18	John Charles Jageman	Charles and Ruth
18	Stephen Henry Ellis	Walter and Gertrude
21	John Anthony Marienni	Domonic and Katherine
22	Cheryl Lucille True	Richard and Lucille
23	Carol Ann Robbins	Ralph and Mary
24	Walter Bruce Schofield	Edgar and Ruth
24	Clara Anne Sztucinski	Emil and Clara
26	James Edward Riley	Charles and Grace
27	Gail Jordan	John and Joan
March		
1	Jeanette Theresa Meuse	Leo and Rita
1	June Ann Guttadauro	James and Dorothea
2	Margaret Mylott	James and Esther
5	Edward Calvin Fillmore, Jr.	Edward and Marjorie
5	Steve Leonard Fransen	Helge and Astrid
6	Ronald Arthur Schuh	Arthur and Winifred
9	Candace Clark	Percy and Phyllis
9	John Edward Arsenault	Ernest and Florence
13	Gregory Winslow Blackmer	Gordon and Janet
14	Steven Alan Hitchcock	Donald and Barbara
16	Donald Robert Cavanaugh	James and Mary
16	Diana Radulski	George and Jane
17	Charles Thomas Cacciola	Charles and Elvira
21	Richard David Barnes	David H. and Beryl D.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Parent
March		
22	Charles Warren Sumner	Kenneth D. and Barbara E.
24	David Webster Anderson	Percy E. and Dorothy
25	Patricia Mary Flaherty	John M. and Marion G.
25	Edward Stephen Lobo	Stephen E. and Marilyn
27	Robert Mason Buttrick	John Dimond and Betsy
29	Timothy Edward Sullivan, Jr.	Timothy E. and Rosemary T.
31	Paul Francis Doherty	Joseph and Alice R.
April		
2	Martha Bowie Peckham	Archibald M. and Amy F.
3	Richard Stanley Hubbard	Leonard S. and Aldea R.
5	David Edward Jost	Edward C. and Eleanor M.
6	Peter John Cusato	John S. and Evelyn B.
7	Almont Torrey Haskell	Cyrus B. and Elizabeth M.
7	Philip Wallace Chesley	Richard B. and Charlotte F.
7	Jane Elizabeth Gray	Donald P. and Elinore J.
9	Robert French Hunnewell	William F. and Margaret E.
10	Miriam Dervishian	John L. and Mildred C.
11	David Ira Martin	Jesse I. and Agnes E.
12	James Ellis Melendy, Jr.	James E. and Mildred L.
12	Roderick Donald MacDonald	Roderick E. and Ernestine
15	Thomas Kenneth Castine	Kenneth J. and Sarah
17	Helen Elizabeth Bell	William J. and Mary H.
18	—— McKinnon	John R. and Virginia G.
19	Joseph Clark Nyman, Jr.	Joseph C. and Helen M.
22	Peter Louis Gribbling	Alonzo L. and Dorothy L.
23	Janet Carroll	Everett G. and Priscilla E.
24	Leslie Forsythe Thompson	Charles B. and Una
25	James Francis Gallella	Francis V. and Martha V.
26	Wendy Ellen Bickford	Charles O. and Pauline T.
26	Lawrence Benjamin Conroy	Eugene C. and Mary E.
27	Susan Marie Connelly	Paul W. and Ruth
29	Elizabeth Wyman Rogers	Howard L. and Alice E.
29	Arlene Sandra Kaplan	Barnet and Sadie D.
29	Verna Elizabeth Welch	Vernon R. and Alice R.
30	Milton John Bevis, Jr.	Milton J. and Lillian M.
May		
1	John Hains Landen, Jr.	John H. and Margaret M.
3	David Norris Franklin	Irving L. and Mildred C.
4	Barry Allen Kean	Robert H. and Lillian D.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Parent
May		
7	James Alan Richardson	Austin J. and Eleanor G.
7	Sarah Matilda Hailey	Robert and Lillian M.
10	Leslie Miller	William C. and Josephine A.
10	Steven Michael Milner	Gordon B. and Jean E.
10	John Burnham Herrick	William B. and Julia M.
13	Curtis Paige Albee	George P. and Elizabeth M.
14	Leonard Bernard Meuse, Jr.	Leonard B. and Mary L.
14	Robert Lance Watson	Ernest R. and Ruth A.
15	Thomas Fosdick Rankin	James T. and Charlotte
17	Andrew Charles Swanson	Harold and Dorothy H.
18	John Edward Hoyt	Brendan L. and Sally M.
19	Jon Waide Ralston	Sumner Edward and Clara T.
20	Herbert Todd Madden	Herbert and Myrtle I.
21	James Henry Howard, Jr.	James H. and Grace L.
22	Edward Michael Gazarian	Edward and Marilyn
22	Billie Anne Spratling	David A. and Pauline M.
25	Mark Ambrose Williams	William A. and Helen E.
26	Dorothy Jean Oliver	Frederick S. and Gertrude A.
27	Barbara Elaine Coburn	Lee H. and Mary L.
28	Michele Maguire	John T. and Catherine F.
29	Mary Helen MacKenna	Gilbert J. and Helen F.
29	Patricia Louise Lobdell	Harvey J. and Betty D.
29	Bonnie Lee Morrow	Robert W. and Carolyn F.
30	Corinna Erwin Burhoe	Donald I. and Corinna E.
31	David Linden Sill	Paul J. and Lorraine J.
31	Michael James O'Dowd	James J. and Alice M.
June		
1	Frances Cullinane	Thomas L. and Mary E.
1	Richard James Desmond	John L. and Juliette
4	Marjorie Ellen Dresser	Herbert V. and Carmela
4	Jeffrey Scott Chanonhouse	Robert U. and Elizabeth
6	Thomas Graham Amon	Carl H. and Dorothy
6	Robert Andrew Doucette, Jr.	Robert A. and Nancy M.
6	Lester John Hamilton	Arthur and Shirley
6	Harvey Edward Stillings	Hugh W. and Rachel A.
7	Linda Jean Guinan	Philip R. and Rita M.
8	Douglas Richmond Carpenter	Roger L. and Jessie C.
8	Earl Edward Devaney	John E. and Claire

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Parent
June		
9	Jack Russell Stark	Herbert E. and Ruth F.
11	Carolyn Irene Benjamin	Walter P. and Dorothy
12	Charles Everett Parry	Ralph J. and Dorothy
12	—— Sias	Carl W. and Florence R.
17	Daniel Myles Cunningham	Peter M. and Mary V.
17	Christopher Frederick Gilgun	Charles F. and Ruth E.
18	Thomas Edward Faulkner	William H. and Ethel C.
22	Richard Alan Frederick	Elwin J. and Irene L.
22	Albert Charles Hunzelman	Charles F. and Alice I.
23	Dianne Alice Pillman	Stanley R. and Dorothy M.
24	Sandra Ellen Grant	Frederick H. and Doris E.
25	Peter Forrest Wellings	Forrest W. and Katherine
26	Suzanne Frances Rose	John T. and Helen F.
26	James Albert Orton	Sidney F. and Harriette M.
26	Andrew Michael DelProposto	Andrew and Anne Marie
26	Brian David Rose	John T. and Helen F.
29	Mary Jane Nichols	Harry N. and Mary L.
30	Irwin Matthew Patterson	Harold M. and Hazel E.

July

2	Nancy Louise Johnson	Philip E. and Hilda G.
2	Robert Willis Johnson	Willis M. and Ella M.
2	John Richard Webster	Richard B. and Helen Florence
4	Nancy Louise Nichols	Roger G. and Harriet
8	Stephanie Lee Smith	Robert deF. and Harriette
11	Stephen Allan Conatser	Jesse H. and Shirley A.
11	Paula Charlene Boyd	August S. and Marion R.
12	Jane Hall Cunningham	Herbert L. and Iva M.
14	Anne Theresa Mahar	Edward J. and Marjorie E.
19	Rosalind Elizabeth Petrucci	Vincent J. and Barbara F.
22	Jerold Ervin Wilkinson	John E. and Barbara H.
26	Paul Thomas Ordway	William R. and Helen C.
26	Doane Richmond Heselton	Raymond R. and Corinne B.
26	Heidi Zwicker	Vernon K. and Glenna M.
29	David William Harlow	Horace W. and Lois P.]
30	James David Stratton	Richard E. and Jean A.
30	Robert Newton Peckham	Robert B. and Janet
31	Anne Rappaport	Robert W. and Shirley F.

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Date	Name	Parent
August		
1	Joan Carol Comeau	Vincent T. and Leocadia
4	Marilyn Grace Cutler	Walter C. and Phyllis F.
6	Dennis George Dugan	Richard F. and Frances
8	Robert Elliot Oakley	Donald K. and Winifred
9	Joseph Francis O'Connor III	Joseph F. and Mary Patricia
10	Barry Egan Maher	Thomas F. and Gertrude J.
11	Ronald Harris Crooker	John H. and Elizabeth D.
13	Betsey Lou Burns	Robert W. and Jean
14	Steven Dana Bayrd	Charles A. and Catherine A.
15	Ann Marie Doucette	Ernest P. and Mary A.
17	Joyce Ann Bradstreet	James A. and Thelma F.
22	Richard Alan McQuesten	Ernest H. and Verna M.
29	Nancy Hall Graf	Donald B. and Norma V.
29	Robert Mark Danell	Robert H. and Virginia M.
30	Lynne Walker Schoppelry	Lennox and Annabel G.
September		
3	David Lee Christensen	Harold and Rachel L.
3	Joseph Jackson Houser	Jackson G. and Josephine
4	David Michael Cavanaugh	James J. and Cathleen R.
5	Lynda Ruth Kennedy	Edmond I. and Harriet M.
8	Barbara Jean Haigh	James E. and Frances M.
12	Gail Marie Taillon	Henry L. and Beatrice M.
12	Nancy Lee Zanni	John E. and Emily I.
20	Arthur Herbert Vars	Robert A. and Mildred
21	William Andrew Zitzow	William A. and Stella M.
22	Emily Jean Hutchinson	Edward W. and Joyce
23	Larry Thomas Lacey	Thomas A. and Eloise B.
23	Pamela Maureen Kelley	Edward F. and Katherine M.
25	Diane Lee Clement	Robert E. and Martha
26	Glenn Gordon Nichols	Bernard G. and Ethel L.
27	Elizabeth Louise MacKenzie	Gordon D. and Harriet L.
27	Mary Jeanne Meg Gillespie	Maurice E. and Margaret
October		
2	Gary Ernest Wilson	Rodger E. and Claire E.
3	Baby Boy Doherty	Daniel F. and Etta E.
5	Albert Kent Davis	Roger L. and Edith C.
6	Harrison Theodore Bowers	John S. and Dora L.
10	Virginia Hope Williamson	Alexander and Lottie
10	Thomas Peter Dinan	Edward and Catherine

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Date	Name	Parent
October		
11	Gladys Ethel Peardon	Harold D. and Ethel I.
11	Elinor Anne Read	William A. and Evelyn A.
13	William Sidney Boyd	Allen and Iris G.
14	John Quentin Jordan, Jr.	John Q. and Jean
15	Frank Joseph Palazzo, Jr.	Frank J. and Priscilla L.
15	Dudley Bradstreet Killam, Jr.	Dudley B. and Flora B.
19	Brian Charles Richardson	Richard R. and Lilli A.
20	William Thomas Walsh	John M. and Mary P.
21	Philip Longfellow Jewett, III	Philip L. and Mary R.
25	Frazer Lloyd Fredericks	Warren L. and Winnifred M.
29	Nancy Ellen Weed	John E. and Virginia B.
30	Jessica Sawyer	Roland J. and Frances
31	William Danforth Cushman	Frank L. and Cora A.
November		
3	Gilda Louise Louanis	Guild S. and Mary L.
4	Bonnie Dorell Bryce	Charles H. and Audrey D.
4	Patricia Elizabeth Haigh	Albert J. and Frances A.
5	Ellen Katherine Gray	Kenneth and Rose C.
5	Martha Jane Flynn	Gilbert P. and Helen W.
5	Stephanie Raye Symonds	Otis P. and Eugenia A.
7	John Bartlett Bridges	Frank B. and Mary E.
9	Jeffrey Thayer Wilson	Herbert A. and Hazel E.
11	Lucille Joyce Carpenella	Felix F. and Lucy
11	Henry Clay Johnson, 4th	Henry C. and Evelyn
11	Brian Allan Dacey	Charles R. and Barbara L.
12	Joanne Marie Eccleston	Charles and Aida
14	James Rodgers Henderson	Robert F. and Jeraldine W.
15	James Donald Doucette	Jame D. and Gertrude M.
16	Eric Jan Oldenbrook	Hendrick and Virginia C.
19	—— Allicon	Robert J. and Anna E.
20	Susan Hoag	Roland B. and Barbara
22	Theodore Richard Cartwright	Edward F. and Ernestine T.
22	Elaine Mary Arsenault	Ronald J. and Rita C.
26	Robertta Louise Shaw	Robert J. and Helen V.
27	Sharon Ann Knight	John L. and Ethel M.
27	Scott Crosby True	George C. and Barbara
28	Frank Bean Dinsmore, Jr.	Frank B. and Gladys M.
29	Cyril F. Bordeau	Cyril F. and Louise
30	David Carl Schroeder	George A. and Beverly R.

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Date	Name	Parent
December		
2	Karla Ann Rossi	Guy A. and Gwendolyn L.
2	Lydia Jane Ellis	Edward A. and Phyllis V.
5	Peter Clark Smith	J. Marshall and Florence I.
7	Ellen Marie Plumer	Alexander T. and Hazel M.
8	Susan Lorraine DeLue	Robert E. and Esther E.
8	Charles Lee Corpening, Jr.	Charles L. and Catherine
10	Carol Lee Johnson	Leo B. and Elin L.
17	James Henry Jackson	Thomas and Gretchen
18	Russell John Davis	Leonard F. and Katherine S.
19	Shirley Ann Boyd	Roland J. and Anna W.
24	Pauline Ann Doucette	Arthur F. and Ellen L.
27	Allen Robson Gray	Frank R. and Muriel L.
28	Stephen Carlton Roderick	Carlton and Dorothy
28	Joanne Kenney	Frederick C. and Evelyn I.
31	Robert Kimball Hitchcock	Robert W. and Edith

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1929

August

14 Alice Elizabeth Murphy George and Alice

1937

December

8 Diana de Masellis Robert and Barbara C.

1940

December

5 Ruth Ann Goodwin Herman B. and Eleanor P.

1946

November

6 Margaret Elaine Doucette Paul R. and Mary E.

17 ——— Rondoni John J. and Helen

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
1	Philip Longfellow Jewett, Jr.	28	Carpenter	Reading
	Mary Rose Doucette	21	Nursemaid	Reading
1	Raymond Peter Hutchinson	23	Appren. Toolmaker	Reading
	Lucille Mary McKenzie	23	Nurse	Methuen
3	Clifford Stanton Nelson	24	Printer	Woburn
	Gertrude Marie Nickerson	21	Bookkeeper	Reading
2	Vano John Johnson	41	Pharmacist	Laconia, N. H.
	Madeline Gertrude Heselton	27	Legal Secretary	Reading
7	Jackson G. Houser	35	Supervisor	Reading
	Josephine E. Festa	25	Secretary	E. Boston
12	Jacob Riseman	65	Junk Dealer	Reading
	Rose Krute	56	Home	Reading
18	John Joseph Hannon	23	Electrician	Winchester
	Jean Antoinette Blier	24	Clerk	Reading
18	Leslie Gordon Fiske	33	Machinist	Reading
	Philomena Mary Queena	33	Machine Opr.	Swampscott
19	Edward Richard Lynch	36	Meat Cutter	Woburn
	Dorothy Frances Thornton	27	Tel. Operator	Reading
24	Ralph Jordan Mason, Jr.	29	Student	Reading
	Eleanor Otey Gibson	25	Student	Reading
25	Trueman Austin Boyle	37	Ship's Electrician	Reading
	Margaret Avery Davison	39	Nurse	Reading
February				
4	Joseph Francis Lynch	32	R. R. Switchman	Reading
	Mildred Colerese	21	At Home	Boston
7	George Henry Sumner, Jr.	23	Salesman	Wilmington
	Thelma Constance Levasseur	19	Cashier	Reading
7	Robert Stanley Parker	21	Student	Reading
	Lucille Higgins Gonnarn	21	Teller	Reading
8	Salvatore Provenzano	23	Municipal Light	Reading
	Dorothea Marie Thomas	21	At Home	Wilmington
8	William Adolph Zitzow	22	Adding Mach. Maint.	Reading
	Stella Mary Procurot	23	Secretary	Wakefield
9	Earl Martin Sargent	25	Accountant	Reading
	Doris Louise Bacon	23	Secretary	Somerville
13	Claude M. Fillmore	47	Carpenter	N. Reading
	Eleanor Mattinson (Odgen)	32	Sales Girl	Reading
14	Kenneth M. Russell	24	Hospital Orderly	Concord, N. H.
	Mary Elizabeth Higgins	22	At Home	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
February				
14	Hugo A. Kallio	23	Student	Gloucester
	Barbara Jane Andrews	18	Typist	Reading
16	Herbert Edward Kenney	22	Teller	Somerville
	Gretchen Helene Weber	21	Bookkeeper	Somerville
22	William Hulett Layton	27	Mechanical Insp.	Reading
	Urania Demosthenes Agiomavritou *	22	At Home	Greece
March				
1	Robert Minto Graham	29	Salesman	Wakefield
	Hermeana Eleanor Hopkins	31	At Home	Reading
2	Charles Edward Bennett	50	Steamfitter	Reading
	Josephine Isabel Dupre	34	Housekeeper	Reading
7	George Clifford Osterholt	27	Millhand	Reading
	Mary Elizabeth Thompson	22	Registered Nurse	Malden
8	James Tryder	22	Truck Driver	Reading
	Evelyn Bragg	17	None	Reading
8	Francis Herman Doughty	23	R. R. Clerk	Reading
	Charlotte Jeannette Coates	23	Insurance Clerk	Wakefield
8	Monty Louis Stapleton	23	U. S. Coast Guard	Reading
	Ruth Geraldine Schofield	20	Clerical Work	Reading
16	Robert Knight Bingham	23	Student	Reading
	Alice Esther Larrabee	21	Secretary	Reading
18	Walter Ernest Bramble	34	Clerk	Cambridge
	Ann Kathleen Driver	34	Appraiser	Reading
24	Donald Ross Howard	27	Plumber	Reading
	Marian Louise McDonald	19	Payroll Clerk	Middleton
31	James Francis Dunn	29	Mechanic	Reading
	Patricia Ann Langiell	18	Telephone Sup.	Reading
April				
5	Arthur Harland Foster	21	Appren. Machinist	Reading
	Myrtle Ruth Ward (Upson)	24	Maid	Reading
5	Harold Elmer Thurlow	41	Chauffeur	Reading
	Margaret Earle Livingstone	38	At Home	Reading
6	Quito Louis DeMonico	24	Carpenter	Woburn
	Mary Elizabeth Collins	21	File Clerk	Reading
6	Edward Ignatius Cibulski	33	Clerk	N. Billerica
	Loretta Mary Levasseur	23	Asst. Cashier	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
April				
6	William Thomas Nickerson	21	Laborer	Reading
	Mary Eleanor Delano	20	Clerk	Stoneham
9	Charles Joseph Adams	33	Farmer	Reading
	Claire Teresa Roberts	17	At Home	Reading
12	Willard Fielding Perkins	24	Surveyor	Reading
	Edith Dagmar Fosse	25	Office Work	Tewksbury
12	Bert Bennett	32	U.S.N. Cook	So. Boston
	Doris Lester	27	None	Wilmington
12	Francis Edward Comeau	26	Painter	Georgetown
	Eva May Doucette	18	At Home	Reading
19	Warren Daniel Clark	31	Laborer	Reading
	Anna Antonia Enos	33	Stitcher	Reading
19	Richard Wentworth			
	Shorrocks	25	Spreaderman	Reading
	Lois Joyce Whitney	24	Skating Instructor	Lowell
19	Stanley Earl Roberts	29	Truck Driver	Reading
	Irene Marie Puccetti	19	Salesgirl	Somerville
20	Donald Elmore McElman	24	Salesman	Lexington
	Patricia Anne Curtin	20	Bookkeeper	Reading
20	Warren Charles Squibb	25	Carpenter	Wilmington
	Virginia Jane Nicholson	22	Office Clerk	Reading
20	Russell Eugene Carter	21	Saw Maker	Reading
	Betty June Nicholson	19	Bank Clerk	Reading
26	Arthur Merrill Randall	28	Greenhouse Const.	Reading
	Phyllis Douglass	21	Bank Teller Clerk	Reading
26	Louis Cosmo Diorio	25	Electrician	N. Woburn
	Eileen Marie Arsenault	22	Clerk	Reading

May

2	George Lawrence Tebeau	34	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Louise Hutchins (Goodearl)	30	At Home	Malden
3	Clarence James Arsenault	21	Timekeeper	Reading
	Elizabeth Jewel Shaw	18	Stenographer	Reading
3	John Thomas Creiger	28	Chief Clerk	Reading
	Jennie Victoria Gromyko	24	Clerk	Reading
3	James Henry Henderson	26	Trainee	Reading
	Thelma Julie Perry	21	Waitress	Somerville
3	Harold William Kress	27	Engineer	Methuen
	Priscilla Dorothea Johnson	25	Bank Teller	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
May				
10	Walter Laurence Lord	24	Taxi Driver	N. Reading
	Norma Lee Raitt (Titcomb)	21	Sales Girl	Reading
10	Ray Shelby Huffaker	35	X Ray Technician	Reading
	Sarah Wells Bull	36	Physical Therapist	Reading
10	Alfred Avery Thresher	31	Industrial Worker	Greenwood
	Evelyn Cecilia Steverman	29	Floorlady	Reading
10	Sumner Clement Weeks	31	Ins. Salesman	Reading
	Dorothy Banks Parker	30	Secretary	Reading
10	Thomas Todd, Jr.	29	Printer	Concord
	Mary Virginia Graves	24	Girl Scout Prof. Worker	Reading
11	Joseph Laurence Knight	26	Laborer	Reading
	Agnes Elizabeth Meuse	18	Clerk	Stoneham
17	Frederick Arnold Pope	22	Wholesale Hdwe. Clerk	Newton
	Louise Grace Vansaw	22	Asst. Service Cashier	Reading
17	Joseph Walfred Anderson, Jr.	23	Chemist	Reading
	Harriet Roland Patriquin	22	Secretary	Malden
18	Arthur Joseph LeFave	22	Press Operator	Reading
	Mary Josephine Stanton	21	Secretary	Wakefield
24	George Cyrus Ricker	31	Bank Employee	Reading
	Evelyn Virginia Nelson	23	At Home	Jamaica Plain
24	Raymond Hugh Rafuse	33	Foreman	Reading
	Catherine Anne Doherty	31	Comptometer Opr. W.	Somerville
28	Wilbur Leo Williams	35	Bartender	Reading
	Ruth I. McClellan	32	Waitress	Boston
June				
1	William Montgomery Davis	28	Salesman	Reading
	Ruth Wiley Durkee	29	Monitor	W. Peabody
1	Ernest Henry Hubbard	24	Painter	Reading
	Betty Evangeline Theodorou	23	Clerk	Reading
3	Ernest Joseph Moran	29	Salesman	Keene, N. H.
	Annetta Marjorie MacLeod	23	Reg. Nurse	Reading
4	Richard Leslie Stevens	21	Student	Reading
	Emma Jean McCulloch	22	At Home	Jersey City
7	Richard Canada Brown	23	Student	Providence, R. I.
	Frieda Elaine Murray	24	Secretary	Reading
7	Charles Lyman Richardson, Jr.	31	Insurance	Reading
	Heleen Martha Curtis	32	Secretary	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
7	Robert Barnes Taylor	23	Storekeeper	Reading
	Ruth Margaret Nutt	21	Secretary	Wakefield
8	Harold Webb Downes, Jr.	21	Student	Stoneham
	Elinor Lee Lantz	20	Bank Clerk	Reading
14	Frank Robert Sullivan	26	Student	Reading
	Anna Agnes Greim	20	Telephone Opr.	W. Roxbury
14	John Edward Carter	22	Florist	Tewksbury
	Blanche Ethel Hardy	19	Home	Reading
14	Sheldon Prescott	21	Student	Webster
	Phyllis Barr	21	Student	Reading
15	Philip Semenuk	22	Truck Builder	Medford
	Winifred Marie Boyd	17	At Home	Reading
15	Peter Daniel MacDonald	21	Student	Reading
	Janet Mildred Bird	20	Bank Clerk	Reading
20	John Storti, Jr.	23	Const. Worker	Reading
	Virginia Ruth Wright	20	Clerk	Reading
20	Richard Wells Wilby	35	Corp. Executive	Deerfield
	Viola Marjorie Hasty	30	Secretary	Reading
21	Fletcher Jackson Long	25	Salesman	Reading
	Catherine Agnes Otis	30	Accountant	Manchester, N. H.
21	Frederick James Keefe	22	Refrigeration	Reading
	Eleanor Claire Smith	21	Clerk	Reading
21	Albert George Berberian	27	Student	Medford
	Dorothy Theresa Pineau	20	Waitress	Reading
22	William Howard Heathcock	31	Radio Tec.	Reading
	Grace Lee Jenkins	36	Music Teacher	N. Reading
22	Norman Daley McKenzie	32	Postal Clerk	Charlestown
	Marjorie Elizabeth Brown	30	Stenographer	Reading
27	Charles Albert Eccleston, Jr.	18	Laborer	Reading
	Barbara Eleanor Ballou	17	—	Reading
28	Miles Waverly Weaver	24	Student	Reading
	Polly Parker Stenbridge	26	At Home	Reading
28	Ernest Hail Wade	68	Retired	Portland, Me.
	Luella Hudson Cann	60	At Home	Reading
28	Robert Glen Mathieson	19	Laundry Owner	Reading
	Elaine Lillian Murray	18	Clerk	N. Wilmington
29	Richard William M. Garstang	21	Machinist	Reading
	Thelma Mae Sears	18	None	Reading
29	Donald Lee Douglass	23	Advertising	Reading
	Elisabeth Jane McCrealy	22	School Teacher	Haverhill

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
July				
1	Joseph Arthur Theriault	25	Baker	Reading
	Marie Charlotte Waltz	19	Student	Waldoboro, Me.
3	Frank John Bagacius, Jr.	38	Chemical	Reading
	Mary Julia Garvia (Clements)	39	Stitcher	Reading
6	Harold Stewart			
	Brissenden, Jr.	24	Pipe-Fitter	Reading
	Sally Erline Benson	18	Bookkeeper	Reading
6	Thomas Francis Philbin	30	Dispatcher	Reading
	Helen Roberta Gillis	29	Tel. Operator	Reading
7	David Winslow Crandall	38	Die Maker	Wakefield
	Eva Hopkinson Monegan	47	Inspector Nurse	Reading
9	John Eugene Zanni	43	Contracting	Reading
	Emily Ida (Mitchell) Foley	39	Manager	Auburndale
9	Louis Olaf Peterson	38	Machine Operator	Melrose
	Edna Louise McIntire	31	Bookkeeper	Reading
12	Howard Lincoln Corbett	61	Telephone	Reading
	Ruth Cloudman Scholz (Dole)	58	Social Worker	Reading
12	Norman Irving Hale	34	Meat Cutter	Reading
	Dorothy Elizabeth Fleming	22	Secretary	Reading
13	Frederick Baldwin Doucette	23	Building Maint.	Wakefield
	Alice Virginia Ellis	21	Secretary	Reading
14	Clifford Ellsworth Litchfield	41	Fireman	Reading
	Ivy Alice (Macdonald) Schofield	41	Clerk	Reading
24	Herman Louis Hubbard	31	U.S.C.G.	Reading
	Margaret Jenney (Dulong)	29	At Home	N. Reading
25	Joseph Carl Palmer	42	Foreman	Dorchester
	Frances Catherine Sautter	41	Bookkeeper	Reading
26	John Patrick Foley	44	Leather Worker	Woburn
	Cecilia A. (O'Malley) McLaughlin	48	Nurse	Woburn
26	Wendell Walker Thompson	29	Distributor	Reading
	Isabel Elizabeth Canale	31	At Home	Reading
26	Edward Syer Marshall	24	Salesman	Reading
	Millicent Jeanne Whidden	21	Clerical Work	Dorchester

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
July				
26	John Alexander Burbine	21	B. & M. R. R.	Reading
	Ruth Arline White	20	Bank Teller	Reading
27	Martin Luke Devaney	58	Accountant	Reading
	Margaret Eleanor Carey	49	At Home	Dorchester
August				
3	Paul Alexander Morrice	23	Butcher	Reading
	Evelyn Christine Babine	21	Payroll Clerk	Wilmington
3	Edmund Carroll Freeman	58	Salesman	Reading
	Myrtle Beatrice (Snowdon) Mansfield	53	Clerk	Reading
8	Frank Elmer McQuesten	20	Photo Engraver	Reading
	Barbara Eloise Flint	19	At Home	Reading
9	Peter Benjamin Iosua	25	Shoe Worker	Wakefield
	Florence (Johnson) Stella	20	At Home	Reading
9	Earl Wolcott Hobart	32	Garage Prop.	Reading
	Mary Krickel Carrick	35	Sten.	Brookline
9	Benjamin Martin Hartshorn, Jr.	29	Bank Clerk	Reading
	Lois Margot Newhouse	25	Secretary	Reading
9	William Morton Warren	20	Salesman	Reading
	Mary Stuart Teel	17	At Home	Reading
9	John Adams Ward	26	Laborer	Reading
	Helen Elizabeth Foster	24	Typist-Clerk	Reading
9	Sydney Spencer Duval	35	Press Operator	Reading
	Anni Mariea Naxer	23	None	Reading
10	Carl Robert Avery	35	Salesman	Reading
	Emma Palmer Brown	36	Teacher	Reading
10	Donald Edward Brown	23	Plastic Molder	Malden
	Pearl Frances White	17	Laundry	Reading
10	Harry Edward White, Jr.	22	Laborer	Reading
	Barbara Jean Brown	18	Salesgirl	Malden
10	Ralph Joseph Francis	34	Laborer	Reading
	Velma Elizabeth Eldridge	21	At Home	N. Reading
13	Donald Fowle Johnson	35	Instructor	Reading
	Myrtle Eleanor Day	34	College Dean	Whitman
15	Bertram Alden Kilgore	21	Student	Reading
	Barbara Coreen Lenfest	21	Stenographer	Woburn

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
August				
16	John Everett Selfridge, Jr.	23	Carpenter	Reading
	Barbara Mae Rydeard	23	Bookkeeper	Reading
22	Harvey Paul			
	Wasserboehr, 3rd	27	Artist	Saugus
	Elizabeth Mary Merrill	25	Artist	Reading
23	Chester P. Gunn	24	N. E. T. & T. Co.	Reading
	Frances Blanche Stalliday	19	Secretary	Reading
24	James Arthur Shuttleworth	24	Student	Stoneham
	Dorothy Esteile Jelley	24	Secretary	Stoneham
24	Tateos Edward Tarpin	29	Garage Operator	Reading
	Alice Julia Highgas	21	Secretary	Lynn
25	Joseph Francis LeBlanc	52	Foreman	Reading
	Gertrude (Miles) Martel	34	Registered Nurse	Reading
29	George Thomas Paoellella	31	Shoe Worker	Stoneham
	Juanita Alice Lewis	23	Shoe Worker	Reading
30	Paul Peter Chepulis	25	Cabinet Maker	Reading
	Constance Elaine Peterson	19	Nurse	Reading
30	William Edward			
	Billingham, Jr.	22	Student	Reading
	Shirley Bateman	22	Medical Secretary	Winchendon
31	James Patrick McManus	31	Liquor Dealer	Wilmington
	Gertrude Sophia Dahlquist	24	Office Manager	Reading
September				
1	John Clifford Doucette	22	Steel Worker	Reading
	Dorothy Mary McNair	27	Cashier	Dorchester
1	Donald Hunt Clapperton	21	Student	Reading
	Constance Davis	21	Clerk	Reading
5	Richard Pinkham Shaw	20	Student	Reading
	Ruth Vianna Selfridge	20	Typist	Reading
6	Alfred Stanley Overton	22	Press Operator	Melrose
	Dorothy Catherine Runge	22	Cutter-Knitting Mill	Reading
6	George Benzie, Jr.	26	Draftsman	Needham Hgts.
	Margaret Lavinia Dickson	23	Medical Secretary	Reading
6	Harold Joseph Doucette	25	Billing Clerk	Reading
	Barbara Irene Davis	20	Clerk	Somerville
6	Robert Duncan MacIntosh	25	Carpenter	Wakefield
	Statia Dorothy Hoffer	22	Clerk Typist	Reading
11	Edward Maxwell Spavin, Jr.	28	Contractor	Reading
	Olive Mary Allen Carlezon	31	At Home	Marshfield

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
September				
12	Thomas Joseph Thornton, Jr.	22	Machine Operator	Reading
	Barbara Jane Lynch	20	Office Clerk	Reading
13	John Gibson Williams	25	Copy Writer	Wellesley
	Dorothy Isabel Stratton	24	Secretary	Reading
14	Charles Burton Johnson	29	Student	Reading
	Jean Grace Gleason	21	Student	Reading
14	Joseph Eugene Muise	21	Refrigerator Mech.	Reading
	Gloria Marchese	20	Typist	Everett
14	Ralph Curtis Coffill	20	Milk Delivery	Stoneham
	Kathryn Ann Geary	19	Telephone Opr.	Reading
14	Daniel Lawrence Dodge	25	Cab Driver	Malden
	Alice Elizabeth Higgins	19	Bookkeeper	Reading
20	John Joseph Ferrick, Jr.	22	Town of Reading	Reading
	Anne Theresa Donahue	20	N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Reading
21	Henry Joseph Claire	22	Production Asst.	Reading
	Alice Lincoln Robinson	22	Editorial Asst.	Reading
21	Harold Wilbur Wyatt	32	Engineer	Reading
	Barbara Helen Bird	23	Dietitian	Reading
27	Jerome Thorpe Potter	39	Assembler	Woburn
	Barbara Marie (O'Toole)			
	Potter	39	Draftswoman	Woburn
27	Joseph Daniel McDonald	20	Trackman	N. Reading
	Agnes Mary Arsenault	19	Stitcher	Reading
27	James Louis Guido	29	Fireman	Medford
	Elizabeth Mavis Browne	27	Secretary	Reading
October				
3	Robert Anthony Plachta	24	Industrial Engineer	Boston
	Anne Mary Schaeffer	22	Service Repre.	Reading
4	Robert Stanley Hagen	30	Service Station	Waltham
	Helen Sterling Farr	23	Nurse	Reading
4	Theodore Gerald Richards	33	Bank Teller	Reading
	Jean Betty (Culliton) Eylar	25	Housewife	N. Reading
4	Joseph Gregory Callahan	29	Salesman	Reading
	Mary Louise Kelly	22	Bookkeeper	Reading
5	John Claflin Blake	29	Accountant	Dedham
	Priscilla Mathieson	26	Nurse	Reading
5	Robert Andrew Melendy	23	Student	Reading
	Rita Helen Gallant	19	Elevator Opr.	Somerville

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
5	Henry Alan Whitney	22	Carpenter	Reading
	Ruth Evelyn Berg	22	Bookkeeper	Burlington
9	George Vincent McCullough	43	Reporter	Reading
	Helen Day Sullivan	40	At Home	Reading
11	Gordon Philip Mills	22	Sheet Metal Worker	N. Reading
	Jean Ruth McClintock	21	Secretary	Reading
12	Alfred Joseph Burbine	25	Lineman	Reading
	Diana Mary Dick	25	—	Methuen
15	Samuel Sprague Delano	49	Wood Worker	Fall River
	Helen Elizabeth Morrill	35	Domestic Worker	Reading
17	Robert Edward Harrington	20	Laborer	Reading
	Viola Mae Tompkins	18	Clerk Dept. Store	Reading
17	Donald Lester Dewey	35	Longshoreman	Reading
	Vera Milligan Tompkins	25	At Home	Reading
18	David St. Hilaire, Jr.	25	Pub. Acct. & Aud.	Reading
	Beverley Pitman	22	At Home	Reading
18	Albert Scott McNelly	25	Elevator Opr.	Wilmington
	Doris Helen Bain	20	Bookkeeper	Reading
25	William James McCarthy	24	Railroad Gate Tender	Reading
	Barbara Jeanne Campbell	20	At Home	Reading
25	Joseph Samuel Bella	18	U.S.N.	Reading
	Althea Catherine Chisholm	18	At Home	Cambridge
25	Richard Marvin Francis	23	N. E. T. & T. Equip.	Woburn
	Marion Ruth Chandler	21	N. E. T. & T. Opr.	Reading

November

1	Donald Leroy Plouff	23	Machine Operator	Reading
	Louise Mildred Rowe	23	Clerk	Woburn
8	James Gordon MacCabe	29	Restaurant Owner	N. Reading
	Betty Nichols	26	Pur. & Sales Coordinator	Reading
8	Joseph John Mirakian	24	Watchmaker	Medford
	Elizabeth Claudette Jigerjian	25	Clerk & Bookkeeper	Reading
8	John Marden Mixer	23	Insurance & Realtor	Reading
	Orilla May MacLean	21	At Home	Reading
15	George Edward Brennan	23	Grinder	Reading
	Joyce Ethel King	18	Clerk	Lynn,
15	Fred Atwell Swett, Jr.	24	Mechanic	N. Reading
	Mildred Elizabeth Roberts	20	Bookkeeper	Reading

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
November				
15	John Thomas Glencross	22	Tel. & Tel. Co.	Everett
	Alma Franceska Lindberg	21	Clerk	Reading
18	Charles Clifton Long	23	Real Estate	Dennisport
	Stella Elizabeth Arsenault	25	At Home	Reading
22	Thomas Harold Freeman	25	Field Representative	Wakefield
	Edith Georgina Arsenault	24	Bookkeeper	Reading
22	Harvey Russell Kimball	31	Asst. Sales Mgr.	Reading
	Eleanor Tilton Ray	28	Stenographer	Woburn
23	William Vincent Fitzpatrick	36	Clerk	Revere
	Ethel Mae Wood	31	Credit Interviewer	Reading
26	Glenn Gardner Hodson	22	Student	Reading
	Priscilla Jessie Cleveland	20	Salesgirl	Auburndale
28	George Vincent Gaw	29	Bus Driver	Reading
	Effie Elizabeth Keene	27	Secretary	Reading
29	John Howard Dobbins	30	Clerk	Reading
	Gertrud Jansen	26	At Home	Reading
December				
2	Gordon Alexander Gaw	21	Truck Driver	Reading
	Charlotte Elizabeth Demers	18	At Home	Reading
3	Thomas Lyman Jacob	24	Office Worker	Reading
	Elizabeth Jane Walker	22	Stenographer	Reading
7	Robert Fred Dexter	22	Electrician	Pinehurst
	Barbara Alyce Boyd	17	Typist-Clerk	Reading
19	Earle Frank Baker, Jr.	31	Painter	Reading
	Evelyn Florence (Hatch) Jones	23	Cementer (Shoes)	Wakefield
27	Donald Vincent Drew	22	Electrician	Reading
	Ruth Elizabeth Russell	17	Store Clerk	Wilmington
28	Edward Louis Muise	24	Carpenter	Reading
	Hilda Mary Comeau	20	Asst. Bookkeeper	Waltham
28	Francis Edwin Eckert	35	Draftsman	Dorchester
	Irene Claire Keefe	23	Typist	Reading
29	Adrian Francis Doherty	33	Plumber	Stoneham
	Elfreda Koptuck	28	Packer	Reading
31	Donald Howland Spaulding	22	Driver	Reading
	Jean Carolyn Metcalf	19	Waitress	Reading

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
9	Maria Coelho	56	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
10	Rose Greenberg	89	—	—	Chronic Endocarditis
15	Winifred Agnes Fagan	85	4	15	Coronary Occlusion
15	John C. Leach	64	8	3	Hypertensive Heart Disease
16	John W. Owen	79	3	18	Cerebral Thrombosis
18	Luke Patrick Frotten	79	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
19	Thomas Halpin	81	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
22	Helen Cynthia Miller Boyce	71	6	6	Hypertensive Heart Disease
22	Walter Hartley Pease	84	4	28	Cerebral Arterio Sclerosis
23	Elizabeth Armistead	64	0	10	Cerebral Hemorrhage
25	Margaret Annie Morse	53	4	10	Acute Dilation of Heart
25	Robert C. Heyder	67	9	8	Hypertrophy and Dilation of Heart
February					
3	John Henry LeFave	50	4	22	Coronary Occlusion
6	Josephine Fraumeni	72	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
11	Alice Gertrude Hartlin Holmes	80	4	21	Chronic Myocarditis
12	Gardiner Irving Byam	57	9	0	Hemorrhage from Esophageal Varices
15	Chester Walton MacDougall	73	8	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage
15	Frances Louisa Evans	55	1	6	Cancer of Colon
18	— Sweetser	—	—	6 hrs.	Prematurity
19	Anna Little	71	—	—	Coronary Occlusion
21	Ray Earl Littlefield	64	11	14	Coronary Thrombosis
21	Baby Boy Bronk	—	—	—	Prematurity
24	David Eugene Center	69	7	9	Arterio Sclerosis
24	William Roscoe Day	62	11	9	Coronary Occlusion
24	Harry McIntire	71	8	11	Cerebral Thrombosis
27	Frederick F. Gray	87	9	21	Cerebral Thrombosis
March					
3	Amanda E. Frotten	59	—	—	Carcinoma of Uterus
6	Mary (Haley) Donnelly	84	1	8	Acute Myocardial De-compensation

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
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March

6	Minnie Esther (White) Guild	72	11	3	Broncho Pneumonia
7	Winnifred Ruth (Tierney)				
	Raymond	49	8	23	Carcinoma of Breast
8	Mary E. Clatenburg	87	0	4	Coronary Occlusion
8	Herbert J. Ryland	65	—	—	Cerebral Thrombosis
10	Julia L. Neumerkel	80	—	—	Carcinoma of Colon
11	Alice Bain	81	11	10	Cerebral Arteriosclerosis
18	Frances Muise	85	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
20	Elizabeth Jacques	73	—	—	Pyelonephritis
23	Blanche M. (Drake) Davis	57	1	18	Coronary Thrombosis
25	James Edward Cutcliffe	73	8	7	Coronary Occlusion
26	Josephine Surette	66	7	16	Carcinoma of Breast

April

1	John F. Riley	82	—	—	Coronary Occlusion
1	Rufus J. Snow	80	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
7	Emma Louise (MacConnell)				
	Stokes	71	7	21	Carcinoma of Breast
11	Marion (Hayward) Raymond	84	—	—	Arteriosclerosis
12	Barbara P. Raustis	32	3	19	Lukemia, Monocytic, Acute
14	Florence (Hunt) Libby	68	3	7	Cerebral Arteriosclerosis
14	Nichols Litchfield McKay	82	9	28	Coronary Thrombosis
17	Elizabeth Emma Wheeler	72	5	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
18	——— McKinnon	—	—	—	Premature Birth
19	Alice Munson nee Colbeck	64	0	5	Coronary Occlusion
24	Caroline (Peters) Doiron	67	11	28	Cerebral Hemorrhage
24	Amy (Bullard) Wells	85	1	14	Broncho Pneumonia
29	Frank E. Hurd	86	0	4	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
24	Mary Davis	67	—	—	Arteriosclerosis
27	Fred E. Merritt	73	2	14	Bronchial Pneumonia Aspiration

May

2	Joseph Gill	81	6	26	Broncho Pneumonia
4	Ellis J. Wilson	53	4	9	Carcinoma of Stomach
11	Fannie Tapley	78	8	4	Coronary Occlusion
12	Frank Lee Edgerley	73	1	28	Cerebral Hemorrhage

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
May					
13	Alice E. Symonds	73	11	29	Broncho Pneumonia
14	Dennis Burns	72	11	30	Carcinoma of Pharynx
15	Leonard Bernard Muise, Jr.	0	0	1 day	Atelectasis of Lungs
18	Marion (Reynolds) Smith	80	2	2	Broncho Pneumonia
18	—— Swanson			27 hours	Cardiac Failure
19	John Peterson	72	3	25	Carcinoma of liver
21	William H. Willis	89	1	26	Gen. Arteriosclerosis
23	Clark S. Robinson	59	1	15	Carcinoma of Stomach
25	Annie M. Kirkpatrick	83	8	29	Coronary Thrombosis
25	Robert Stevens	21	9	14	Brain Tumor
27	Richard A. Skane	64	7	19	Carcinoma of Throat
29	Peter Gilman	87	—	—	Terminal Broncho Pneumonia
30	Edward H. Gorey	75	—	8	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
June					
1	Carolyn Frances Curry	91	11	2	Arteriosclerosis
1	Jon Waide Ralston	—	—	—	Hydrocephalus
3	Elizabeth A. Williams	80	4	26	Leukemia
5	George Wilkins Ives	63	10	10	Coronary Occlusion
6	Edward E. Casterline	33	8	9	Punctured Left Lung Accident
7	Christina A. Scanlon	76	8	22	Carcinoma of Pancreas
9	Belle A. Marston	80	—	11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
11	Emma F. (Skinner) Stevens	85	0	8	Cerebral Hemorrhage
13	—— Sias	—	—	—	Congenital Atelectasis
15	Fred Jottier	63	—	—	Carcinoma of Stomach
25	Adolph J. Zitzow	55	9	—	Pulmonary Tuberculo- sis
30	Florence V. Kelley	89	9	8	Coronary Heart Disease
July					
5	Carrie L. Blake	84	3	25	Cerebral Thrombosis
6	William Robert Zwicker	79	8	5	Cerebral Leukemia
8	Lucie J. MacDonald	73	10	6	Coronary Occlusion
8	Shooshan Lillian Dagdigian	61	2	18	Coronary Occlusion
11	Fred W. Stone	69	10	26	Cerebral Hemorrhage

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
July					
13	Melvin Cyrus Lane	52	11	27	Coronary Occlusion
15	Arthur S. Cook	83	1	18	Cerebral Thrombosis
15	Amy Beatrice Lewis Ballou	76	11	24	Gastric Hemorrhage
16	Anne T. Maher	—	—	2	Bilateral Congenital Atelectasis
19	Dolly (Eames) Scott	63	3	2	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
20	Gertrude Lee McKay nee Brown	81	1	12	Carcinoma of Intestine
28	George William Glover Poole	59	7	6	Pulmonary Infarction
31	Cyrus Brown Haskell	29	5	24	Fracture, bone at side
August					
7	Frederick I. Turner	57	3	18	Congestive Heart Failure
8	George E. Horrocks	87	7	3	Coronary Thrombosis
15	May Helena Berry	74	2	8	Broncho Pneumonia
19	William Davenport	89	3	4	Arteriosclerotic Heart
24	Mary Emma Roberts nee Freeman	83	—	—	Hypostatic Pneumonia
25	Minnie Warden (nee McCabe)	94	1	12	Hemorrhage from the Urinary Bladder
29	Harrison W. Bowers	66	10	19	Coronary Occlusion
30	David Lehr	5	9	4	Injuries, Auto Accident
September					
1	Ralph R. Eldridge	70	3	20	Coronary Thrombosis
5	Mary E. Fox	87	7	0	Arteriosclerosis
6	Harold W. Bridges	62	0	26	Coronary Heart Disease
7	Rose Levine (nee Litman)	65	—	—	Cardiac Decompensation
7	Ida Mabel Wiley (Johnson)	80	2	22	Cerebral Embolism
14	William J. Gay	23	—	—	Rupture of Aorta Accident
17	William Herald Gilderson	59	9	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage
18	Mary Elizabeth (Landry) Whittle	78	10	1	Cerebral Thrombosis
26	Mary Nettie Brown (West)	82	2	18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
27	Evelyn C. Power	40	9	6	Chronic Endocarditis

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
September					
27	Wendell Burleigh Horton	67	10	12	Hypertensive Heart Disease
29	Julia A. (Ready) Sullivan	62	1	3	Coronary Occlusion
29	Carrie H. Emerson	81	0	4	Cerebral Hemorrhage
October					
3	Ivaloo Chase Robinson	82	9	14	Cerebral Hemorrhage
5	——— Doherty	—	—	2	Prematurity
6	David William Carter	10	7	20	Acute Nephritis
8	Herbert J. O'Dell	68	11	3	Electrocution, accident
17	Harriet Symmes Wellington	92	0	28	Chronic Myocarditis
22	S. Isabel (Coon) Sellers	81	11	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage
26	Harriette P. Leuchtman (Ladd)	62	0	27	Coronary Thrombosis
25	Murdock Gillis	85	6	23	Coronary Occlusion
29	Julia Annie Slack	81	4	3	Metastatic Carcinoma of Brain
30	Jessie E. Skaling	73	11	9	Pulmonary Embolus
31	Douglas Baker Marshall	67	—	22	Arteriosclerotic Gang- rene
November					
9	Bride Bruce	58	11	17	Acute Myocardial Failure
12	Mabel B. Butters	80	5	26	Metastatis Carcinoma of Brain
13	Daniel Doucette	66	7	11	Cerebral Concussion (Accident)
15	Thomas H. Condon	63	4	22	Coronary Occlusion
17	Mary Leah (Richards) Denno	81	0	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
20	——— Allicon	0	0	1	Prematurity, Congenital Heart Disease
24	Grace M. (Cowell) Grant	71	10	28	Uraemia, Chronic Nephritis
24	Walter G. Sargent	67	8	0	Coronary Occlusion
29	Grace Ella Jones	87	4	28	Cerebral Thrombosis
29	Susan R. (Nichols) Tuttle	82	3	17	Chronic Myocarditis

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1947

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
December					
1	Frank Tulin	66	8	20	Coronary Occlusion
3	Otis Bishop Ruggles	77	1	14	Myocarditis
4	Martha Charlotte Lee	77	8	12	Coronary Occlusion
5	George Kenneth Jones	55	7	20	Coronary Occlusion
8	Josephine I. Smith	69	7	23	Accident, Injuries received
13	Charles F. Bessom	80	2	10	Myocardial Failure
14	Agnes White (nee White)	84	0	0	Coronary Infarction
15	Oscar F. Timlin	79	8	2	Cerebral Thrombosis
20	James Blanchard Slater	76	9	30	Cardiac Infarct
21	Maude Farmer (nee Trimm)	58	—	—	Terminal Broncho Pneumonia
21	Mary Tozier (Payne)	80	8	0	Hypertensive Cardio Vascular
22	Barbara Standish (Fellows) Sturges	71	3	0	Acute Ventricular Tachycardia
24	—— McMullen	—	—	—	Stillborn

DEATHS DELAYED IN OTHER YEARS

1946

October

13	Mary Crowell Anderson	45	9	7
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1947, is hereby submitted.

On March 3, 1947, at an adjourned meeting, the Board organized as follows:

Kenneth C. Latham, Chairman
Charles E. Wilkinson, Secretary
G. Lawrence Roberts
Mildred J. Gray, Clerk

Monday evening has been the regular meeting night of the Board with the exception of July and August when meetings were held every other week and we do not see but that the Town went along just as well as when we met every week. Extra meetings were held when occasion demanded.

The method started last year, of asking the citizens to make appointments with the Clerk of the Board, to see the Selectmen, worked out so successfully we have followed the same procedure during 1947. By so doing many citizens were kept from cooling their heels and getting hot under the collar while waiting for the Board to complete its business with others.

The agenda of our meetings has been printed in the Chronicle each week. The various departments under the jurisdiction of the Board have made reports which appear on other pages, so we will comment briefly on one or two highlights of the year. The report will be short as we doubt if over ten citizens ever read this report.

The Town Parking Area has at last become a reality and was opened in October, 1947. It has been marked off so that it will accommodate 70 cars. This area would not have been possible but for the cooperation and donations of several merchants whose lands or business border the Parking Area. The Capitol Realty, Inc. gave outright 7,650 square feet of land. Aaron A. Levin deeded a fifteen foot right of way from Woburn Street. The Masonic Temple Corporation has given a fifteen foot right of way from Haven Street, good for ten years. Mr. Jacob Rabinovitz of the Economy Grocery Stores contributed \$500.00 cash. Mrs. Laura S. Gordon bought the bowling alley and the ground on which it stood, contributing the same to the Town with the understanding the Town would erect a fence separating Mrs. Gordon's property from the Parking Area. Mrs. Gordon's contribution represented approximately \$10,000.00 But for the above contributions, it is doubtful if the Town could have finished this Parking Area for some time. The Board, as well as the Town, owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Walter M. Fowler, who acted as Agent for the Board over a period of several years,

making arrangements to bring the Parking Area to a successful conclusion.

The Board is happy to announce that during the summer of 1947, the Boston & Maine Railroad installed automatic gates at the Willow Street crossing thus removing a dangerous spot.

Your Board wishes to thank the Auxiliary Fire Department and Auxiliary Police Department for the excellent help they gave on several occasions during the past year, especially at the time of the forest fires in the Fall. In that respect the Board also wishes to thank the Red Cross, Salvation Army, local organizations, telephone operators and many citizens who gave their services during this hazardous period.

We appreciate the co-operation and friendly spirit of the other Departments, Boards, Committees and general public.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. WILKINSON, Secretary

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board was instrumental in securing the filing of a bill in the General Court changing the boundary line between Reading and Lynnfield. This bill was enacted and the line has been changed. Substantially the change consists of straightening the old line in the so-called cedar swamp on the northerly side of the town. As a result Lynnfield acquires a small area that formerly was in Reading and Reading acquires a somewhat larger area from Lynnfield. It is expected that perambulation of the town bounds in this swampy area will be simplified in the future.

During the year the Board has considered several proposals for rezoning areas in the town. A public hearing was held on the application of a resident for rezoning a sizeable area on the westerly side of Haverhill Street. After the hearing the Board recommended that the lot sizes in this area be reduced from 40,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet. An article to amend the Zoning By-Laws was placed in the warrant for a special Town Meeting in October, 1947 on petition of the required number of voters and the amendment was passed in accordance with the Planning Board's report.

A number of alleged violations of the Zoning By-Laws have come to the attention of members of the Board and in several instances complaints have been made to the Board by citizens that the By-Law

was being violated. The Board has advised the Building Inspector, who is charged with enforcing the law under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, of all these alleged violations. Conferences have been had with both the Selectmen and also with the Building Inspector concerning them. The Board has consistently urged that the By-Law be enforced.

Members of the Board have attended numerous hearings held by the Board of Appeal during the year on applications for variation of the Zoning Law. The Board has opposed many of these applications and in a few instances has approved of them. Members of the Board have also attended several hearings held by the Board of Survey on proposed subdivisions, and have offered advice with respect to them.

As in past years the Board of Selectmen have asked the Planning Board for its recommendations when offers have been received for the town owned property. The Board has made a recommendation in every instance.

At the instance of some of the editors of the local papers in the several cities and towns which will be crossed by the proposed new Route 128 several meetings were called to consider methods to promote the construction of the road. The Board has attended two of those meetings. A committee made up of one representative from each of the towns and cities was created. The chairman of the Planning Board has served on that committee. This committee has held a number of meetings and has met with the Governor and with the Commissioner of Public Works to discuss the construction of the Route

Members of the Planning Board attended a Public hearing held by the Commissioner of Public Works on the proposed lay out of the Route from where new construction now ends in Lynnfield to Route 28 near the Reading-Stoneham town line. The layout as established will cross the swamp area northwesterly of Lake Quannapowitt, pass on the Wakefield-Stoneham side of Bear Hill and cross Route 28 just northerly of the Reading-Stoneham Town line. The Planning Board is pleased to report that this is the location advocated by the Planning Board for many years.

Mr. David and Mr. Pease have served as the Planning Board's representatives on the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman
A. LLOYD DAVID, Secretary
WINTHROP D. PARKER
GEORGE B. PEASE
WALTER D. BERRY

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Fred L. Nutter, Chairman	Term expires	1949
James W. Fairchild, Secretary	" "	1950
Harry C. Barr	" "	1948
Edouard N. Dube	" "	1948
William P. Pierpont	" "	1949
David E. Hersee	" "	1950

Superintendent
HAROLD F. DAVIS

Office Hours
Room 16, Municipal Building
Afternoons 2-5 except Saturday. Monday Evenings 7:30-9

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT — 1947

To the Board of Cemetery Trustees,
Town of Reading, Mass.
Gentlemen:

The Superintendent's Report on the operation of the two Town Cemeteries, Laurel Hill and Forest Glen, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947 is herewith submitted.

While the normal functions of the Department, including interments, maintenance and snow removal to provide accessibility to the lots and graves, were carried on throughout the year, other tasks to improve and further develop both Cemeteries were accomplished.

The Statistics for the calendar year of 1947 are as follows:

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Interments	58	25	83
Foundations:			
Monuments	9	10	19
Markers	22	6	28
Lots Repaired	4	0	4
Graves Repaired	49	1	50
Winter Graves Repaired	17	6	23
Cement Crypts Used	19	13	32
Cement Vaults Used	39	12	51
Lots Sold:			
8 Grave	0	1	1
6 Grave	0	3	3
4 Grave	0	7	7
2 Grave	1	10	11
Single Graves	3	3	6
Baby Graves	3	0	3

Three single graves and five old lots were put in Perpetual Care and one old lot had an additional amount added during 1947, in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Vandalism again left its mark on Laurel Hill Cemetery during the weekend of September 13th and 14th. Twenty-two monuments were displaced from their foundations and one marble slab was broken. To repair the damage it was necessary to engage the services of a Monumental Firm at a considerable expense to the Cemetery Department.

On August 25, 1947 a Dodge 1½ ton Truck with a 2 yard dump body was placed in commission. This was authorized by the 1947 Annual Town Meeting and replaces a 1929 Ford Truck, which was sold.

Laurel Hill Cemetery Improvements

A progressive tree surgery program was inaugurated this year, and by the able assistance of the Tree Department, seventy large shade trees were pruned and trimmed and two poplars were removed. It is the intent to carry on this work from year to year.

On Pine Avenue a large leaching basin was constructed and 100 lineal feet of curbing so placed as to check the surface runoff from draining onto Lots 259, 262 and 263. The grade of these lots was then raised by filling in, loaming and reseeded, thus eliminating a very bad depression.

At the upper level of the service yard, on the concrete foundation completed during the previous year, two fireproof stalls, to facilitate the garaging of the two Cemetery trucks, are under construction. Funds available allowed the near completion of one, so as to permit its occupancy.

Forest Glen Cemetery Improvements

This Department, when the W.P.A. went out of existence, inherited the unfinished project of excavating, casting over, the removal of large stones, boulders and stumps, grading, loaming and seeding an area of several acres in preparation for laying out into lots and graves.

During this fiscal year the brush was cleared from the area, the stones and boulders segregated, and the casting piles leveled to a preliminary sub-grade. Over this area a cross-section survey was made in order to study its development. Further development is planned for 1948.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DAVIS,

Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Report of the Superintendent as submitted by him is hereby approved by the Board of Cemetery Trustees and constitutes its Report to the Town.

FRED L. NUTTER, Chairman
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD, Secretary
HARRY C. BARR
EDOUARD N. DUBE
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT
DAVID E. HERSEE
Board of Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' and SAILORS' GRAVES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Reading
Massachusetts

Gentlemen :

I herewith submit my report as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' graves for the Town of Reading.

Four Veteran graves were repaired in Laurel Hill Cemetery and the Veteran Plots in Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries were taken care of during 1947, besides the usual care of all Veteran graves.

Appropriation		\$	800.00
Pay Roll	\$	523.64	
Repairs on Veteran Graves		16.00	
Care of Veteran Plot, L. Hill		60.36	
Care of Veteran Plot, F. Glen		200.00	
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	\$	800.00	\$ 800.00

There was one Spanish War and World War I Veteran, four World War I Veterans, and two World War II Veterans interred during 1947, as follows :

Spanish War and World War I

Richard A. Skane, Lot No. 1081½, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died May 27, 1947, buried May 31, 1947.

World War I

Gardiner I. Byam, Lot No. 1180, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died Feb. 12, 1947, buried Feb. 15, 1947.

Ellis J. Wilson, Lot No. 406, Forest Glen Cemetery, died May 4, 1947, buried May 7, 1947.

Melvin C. Lane, Lot No. 389, Forest Glen Cemetery, died July 13, 1947, buried July 17, 1947.

Otis B. Ruggles, Lot No. 670, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died Dec. 3, 1947, buried Dec. 6, 1947.

World War II

Chester M. Wooldridge, Grave No. 36, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Jan. 3, 1947, buried Mar. 18, 1947.

Clark S. Robinson, Lot No. 89A, Forest Glen Cemetery, died May 23, 1947, buried May 26, 1947.

There are 422 Veterans buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery and 26 Veterans in Forest Glen, and the number increases every year. I recommend that the amount appropriated for 1948 be increased to \$1,000.00 to adequately cover the necessary care of Veterans' graves and lots.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. TURNER

REPORT OF VETERANS' BENEFIT AGENT

February 9, 1948

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

Your Agent of Veterans' Benefits respectfully submits his annual report.

We have had occasion to assist 35 cases, comprising 106 persons in general aid under the first year of a new setup of the Chapter 584 of the Acts of 1946.

We have also conducted the office of Veterans' Services to good advantage of those seeking information in State and Federal benefits.

We have worked in close harmony with other agencies and appreciate their help.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH,

Agent

REPORT OF WELFARE AGENT

To the Board of Public Welfare:

I submit the following report as Welfare Agent and Director of Old Age Assistance for the year 1947:

The pattern of our operations during 1947 has followed closely that of the preceding year as to the number of classification of cases seeking assistance through this department. Employment conditions have remained favorable, with some exceptions during the latter months of the year where family assistance under General Aid was required. Old Age Assistance maintained a case load level comparable with that for the past four or five years. Expenditures have arisen substantially, however, as a direct result of increase in the cost of living necessities. Such costs have risen 10% during 1947 over 1946, and approximately 60% since 1941. These rising living expenses are reflected in the mandatory budget requirements placed upon us by state authority, the more important of these being increases introduced in May and November, 1946, and again in September of 1947.

For record, our case load figures for 1947 were: General Aid, 39 cases with 93 persons; Aid to Dependent Children, 20 cases with 79 persons; Old Age Assistance, 271 cases, one person each.

It is not the function of a welfare agent to discuss policies in relief matters in a report of this kind, nor to comment on the laws, rules and regulations given him for execution. His job is to get things done in the legally sanctioned manner, to protect the proper rights and privileges of the recipient, and to safeguard the financial and social interests of the town that employs him. It does not seem amiss, however, that any major trend or development which is observed in the course of his work be brought to notice. Attention is necessarily drawn to the startling changes in Old Age Assistance during the past decade. The flat statement in this respect is that the expenditure per case has doubled during the past eight years. About 60% of this increase may be charged directly to the sharp upward trend in the cost of the necessities of life upon which the mandatory budget figures are based. A further factor is legislation granting far more generous exemption to children in the matter of liability for the support of parents who are eligible for Old Age Assistance. Medical costs, also, which constitute a substantial item in Old Age expense, have tripled during the period under consideration.

A brief schedule may clarify the point mentioned:

	1937	1947	
General Aid	\$64,000	\$19,000	\$45,000 Decrease
Aid Dep. Children	18,000	21,000	3,000 Increase
Old Age Assistance	58,000	150,000	92,000 Increase

The Old Age case load during this time has remained within a swing of forty, fluctuating between 230 and 270, so it is evident that the increase of total expenditure is due to cost per case rather than to any large influx of recipients. Everybody agrees that the needs of the aged who are without resources should have the most considerate thought but, for the better protection of the elderly people themselves, some concern should be given to the possibility of allowing any major relief program to expend beyond a point where the contributing citizen is "able to pay", thus bringing about a collapse of the entire structure, with consequent loss to the old people of the distinct advantages they have gained during the past decade and a half.

Unlike General Aid and Aid to Dependent Children, the category of Old Age Assistance does not respond to improved employment conditions. An Old Age Assistance case load as of any given time will ordinarily diminish only in two ways, by decease or by removal to another city or town. Not more than one case out of a hundred goes off Old Age Assistance because of unexpected resources, such as a legacy, the sale of real estate, or some other unusual circumstance. In the meantime there is the constant acquisition of new applications to keep the case load up and, as appearing from present tendencies, to increase it.

It is therefore obvious that any general increase in monies expended for Old Age Assistance is, in effect, a permanent increase.

Beyond the dead-line of "ability to pay" it is equally obvious that danger to the whole system of assistance to the aged is real.

The item of local tax cost seems important enough to warrant a continuance of the short statement which has been shown in our reports for the last several years, this schedule for 1947 being in round figures as follows:

Total expenditure, all forms of relief administered by this department, including cost of administration and maintenance of office building	\$ 206,000
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Total received through federal grants, state payments from other cities and towns, and from refunds, collections and recoveries	147,000
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Net local tax levy cost	\$ 59,000
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Respectfully submitted

EDWARD E. HARNDEN

Welfare Agent and Director of O.A.A.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES 1947

Gentlemen:

The following is my report of the work completed by the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1947.

I. SCALES	Adjusted Sealed Condemned		
Platform, over 10,000 lbs.	1	3	
Platform, 5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	1	1	
Platform, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	2	
Counter, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	3	4	
Counter, under 100 lbs.	3	10	1
Beam, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	1	
Spring, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	2	2	
Spring, under 100 lbs.	3	10	
Computing, under 100 lbs.	12	28	
Personal weighing		1	
TOTAL	27	62	1
II. WEIGHTS			
Avoirdupois		43	
III. AUTOMATIC, LIQUID MEASURING DEVICES			
Gasoline Pumps	18	66	2
Gasoline Meter Systems		66	
IV. LINEAR MEASURES			
Yard Sticks		9	
TOTAL	45	246	3

Trial Weighings and Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up For Sale

COMMODITY	No. Tested	Correct	Incorrect Under Over	
Bread	12	12		
Butter	8	8		
Dry Commodities	18	16	1	1
Grain and Feed	10	10		
Potatoes	15	12	2	1
TOTAL	63	58	3	2

INSPECTIONS MADE

Peddlers Licenses	2
Bread Marking	12
Ice Scales	2
Junk Scales	2
Retest of gasoline devices after sealing	4

REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

Report to the Town of Reading, Mass.

The year 1947 still called for an all-out food production by farmers, as well as food conservation by homemakers. For this reason, efforts of the Extension Service during the year were largely on these factors, the production and conservation of food.

Commercial poultry is the main agricultural interest in Reading along with commercial vegetables and home gardens. With the commercial poultrymen, service has been rendered largely through farm visits, meetings of the poultry association and monthly letters. Disease control, feeding and management have been the main problems.

The main project of interest to homemakers has been home furnishings and the work has been developed under the leadership of Mrs. Annie Poore, town homemaking chairman.

Nine boys' and girls' 4-H clubs were organized during the year — four in clothing and one each in home furnishing, knitting and canning, with two in agriculture. Leaders for the year have been Mrs. Walter E. Connor, Mrs. Edna Turner, Shirley Nelson, Mrs. Howard Crowe, Miss Lois Conn. Irene Landers and Jean Symonds were chosen to represent the county at the State Dress Revue at the University of Massachusetts. Ernest Durb was chosen to represent the county in the Poultry Judging Contest at the Boston Poultry Show, Eastern States' Exposition and State 4-H Boys Day at Amherst. Wendell Nelson was awarded a prize by the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture for his fine work in the Sheep Club. Kenneth Hickman and Ernest Durb were awarded medals for their outstanding poultry club work.

At the end of the season, the boys and girls of Reading put on a very fine exhibit for their year's work, along with an interesting program. Miss Lois Connor deserves special mention, not only for her work as a leader in Reading, but for the contribution she made to the success of the county 4-H Club Camp in Ashby.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit my report as Town Counsel for the year 1947 as follows:

An Equity Suit was brought in behalf of the Town in the Middlesex Superior Court to restrain certain individuals from removing sand and gravel from land on Haverhill Street and after trial of the case the Court issued a permanent injunction preventing the further removal of sand and gravel from this location.

The action commenced in the Middlesex Superior Court against the Board of Appeal affecting the use under the Zoning By-law of a certain parcel of real estate located at the corner of Salem and Harrison Streets has been continued generally on the Court docket with the expectation that the Appellant will withdraw the case from the further

consideration of the Court.

Four claims have been made against the Town for alleged damages sustained as the result of accidents on the highway. Two claims have been settled and the other two have not been made the subject of litigation. There are still pending three cases in the Court.

Seven cases have been commenced in the Land Court for the foreclosure of tax liens. One case was disposed of by payment of the taxes and costs to the Town, in two of the cases the premises will be redeemed by the taxpayer and the remaining foreclosures have been continued on the docket and will be disposed of in the near future. Two cases were commenced during the year before the Appellate Tax Board involving assessments of real estate and the same have been continued on the docket awaiting trial.

The remaining parcel of land for the proposed new elementary school building on Summer Avenue has been acquired by the Town.

Titles have been examined to four parcels of land acquired by the Town for the proposed new Senior High School building in Birch Meadow and the taking by right of eminent domain has been prepared and recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, thereby acquiring the land as provided in the vote of the Town adopted at the Annual Meeting of the current year. A contract was prepared with an architect relating to the addition to the Public Library building in connection with the Town's application for Federal aid for advance planning for non-Federal works. Under my supervision the contract and other documents relating to the addition of the Municipal garage were completed. Also contracts, specifications, performance bonds, and other contract documents were prepared for the School Department for the painting of the school house buildings and for the installation of fire-escapes on the Senior High School building.

Claims were filed in the Middlesex Probate Court in behalf of the Welfare Department seeking reimbursement of funds expended by the Town which resulted in the recovery of the sum of \$816.54.

As provided by the regulations of the Town I have performed every professional act required by me in performance of the duties of my office including in part appearances in Court and hearings before Boards or Commissions, prosecution of claims in behalf of the Town, opinions to all Town Boards, investigation of claims against the Town, drafting release and redemption deeds, licenses for transportation of passengers for hire, amendments to traffic regulations, protest of advertising signs, discharge of Old Age Assistance bonds and mortgages, licenses, permits, by-laws, articles and motions for Town Meetings and such other legal documents and matters referred to me for attention.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS,

Town Counsel

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948.

Fifty-four dogs were quarantined for inflicting personal injuries, and the same number released after the period of quarantine had expired. Three additional dog bites reported were not located until the quarantine period would have elapsed. However, a physical examination indicated the dogs to be in perfect health. Another dog bite inflicted on a Reading citizen was traced to an out of town dog.

Four more dogs were quarantined for a period of twenty-one to ninety days as the result of illegal entry into Massachusetts.

Any dog entering the Commonwealth must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by a Veterinarian at the point of origin. Failure to provide this will result in the dog being placed in quarantine for a period of ninety days or twenty-one days upon proof that the dog was vaccinated versus Rabies within six months of entry.

The number of dogs quarantined this year practically tripled those of 1946. The number of Rabid dogs in other states is still at a high level. Within a moment's notice we could have an epidemic of Rabies in the Town of Reading. Thus, kindly refrain from handling strange dogs.

The annual inspection of all livestock in the town showed there to be 144 neat cattle, and 436 swine, a decrease over last year. There were 38 horses, 41 sheep, and 43 goats, an increase over 1946.

There were no Contagious Infectious Diseases noted.

Respectfully submitted,
GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1947.

There is a marked improvement in the Gypsy Moth situation. Using D.D.T. the new insecticide we were able to start spraying about a week earlier than we could with Arsenate of Lead. D.D.T. is a contact as well as a stomach poison and it is only necessary for the caterpillars to crawl over the crystals to kill them. This increase in our spraying time enabled us to spray about twenty-five acres of badly

infested woodland in the northern section of the town. A check of this area in the fall showed almost one hundred percent elimination of the Gypsy Moth.

The authorities at the State University do not recommend the use of D.D.T. on fruit trees until after the blossoms have fallen. The use of D.D.T. before the blossoms drop will destroy the bees and other pollinating agents. For this reason it is still necessary to use Arsenate of Lead for much of the spraying on private property.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department of the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Arrests for the Year 1947

Males, 428; Females, 13; Adults, 413; Minors, 28; Residents, 165; Non-Residents, 276; American Born, 377; Foreign Born, 64; Total Arrests, 441.

Causes of Arrests

Drunkenness, 181; Assault and Battery, 6; Larceny, 12; Breaking and Entering in night time, 1; Breaking and Entering in day time, 1; Setting fires, 1; Carrying concealed weapons, 1; Delinquency, 3; Non-Payment of fines, 1; Non-Support, 15; A.W.O.L., 1; Illegitimacy, 3; Suspicion of Larceny, 1; Out of town warrants, 2; Gross Lewdness, 1; Insane, 3; Rape and Adultery, 1.

Automobile Violations

Speeding, 127; Operating under the influence of liquor, 31, leaving scene of accident after causing property damage, 6; operating so as to endanger, 7; Operating without license, 5; Driving after license expired, 3; Failing to stop for signal, 12; Refusing to stop when signaled by Officer, 2; Allowing improper person to operate car, 1; Driving after license expired, 1; no stickers, 12.

Disposition of Cases in Court

Released, 141; Fined, 155; Held for Grand Jury, 3; Turned over to out of town Departments, 26; Found not guilty, 28; Guilty on File, 35; House of Correction sentences, Suspended, 12; Dismissed, 2; Probation, 9; on File, 7; Returned to State Farm, 2; House of Correction, 3; Worcester State Hospital, 3; Returned to Bedford Hospital, 1; Continued for further disposition, 14. Total cases disposed of, 441.

Amounts of Fines Imposed by Courts

75 Fines at \$5.00, \$375.00; 35 Fines at \$10, \$350.00; 12 Fines at \$15.00, \$180.00; 6 Fines at \$20.00, \$120.00; 7 Fines at \$25.00, \$175.00; 6 Fines at \$35.00, \$210.00; 12 Fines at \$50.00, \$600.00; 1 Fine at \$6.00; 1 Fine at \$100.00. Amount of Fines, \$2,170.00

Values of Properties Stolen and Recovered

Valuation of Properties stolen in Reading	\$ 10,913.55
Values of Properties recovered in Reading	8,740.00
Values of Properties recovered for out of town Departments	215.00
Total value of Properties recovered during 1947	8,955.00

Miscellaneous Services Rendered by The Police Department in 1947

A wide variety of incidental services which occupy much of the Department's time and attention is summarized as follows:

Doors found open, 176; Windows found open, 8; Windows found broken, 12; Summonses delivered, 234; Messages delivered, 168; Teletype messages sent out by this Department, 70; Teletype messages sent out for other Departments, 50; Department of Public Works notified, 40; State Department of Public Works notified, 4; Persons reported missing, 11; Lost children reported and returned to their homes, 26; Wires reported down, 3; Wires reported burning in trees, 5; Poles reported broken, 6; Trees reported down, 7; Fire Department notified, 18; Out of town cars reported stolen and checked, 28; Ambulance requests for out of town departments, 3; Family trouble cases reported and investigated, 40; Neighbor trouble reported and investigated, 9; Noisy parties investigated, 11; Suicide attempts reported and investigated, 3; Reports of children annoying and investigated, 52; Reports of children playing in empty houses and houses under construction investigated, 10; Children stopped playing ball in streets, 34; Reports of children throwing stones and snowballs at cars investigated, 12; Runaway children found and returned to their parents, 2; Dogs shot by Officers, 6; Dogs reported killed or injured, 18; Reports of persons bitten by dogs, 7; Report of barking dogs annoying, 15; Bicycles recovered, 21; Bicycles reported stolen, 11; Investigations of persons shooting, 13; Reports of excessive noises investigated, 11; Bad odors reported and investigated, 7; Transients put up for night, 37; Persons brought to Station for questioning, 11; Automobiles reported stolen, and recovered,

8; Assistance rendered sick persons, 56; Lanterns placed, 8; Sick signs placed, 2; Water pipes found broken, 3; Reports of railroad gates down and investigated, 1; Cattle reported wandering and returned to owners, 3; Skunks shot, 2; Rabbits shot, 1; Trucks stopped for overloading, 2; Dog Officer notified, 21; Escorts, military and otherwise, 7; Lost properties recovered and return to owners, 18; Vacant properties checked for security, 172; Horseback reported and investigated, 5; Special guard duty for U. S. Mail, 83; Miscellaneous cases investigated, 139; Medical Examiner called, 4; Selling vegetables without permit, 1; Dead bodies cared for, 1; Street lights reported out, 25; Reports of telephones off hook investigated, 6; Reports of peepers investigated, 10; Reports of Prowlers investigated, 61; Reports of parked cars investigated, 67; Cars ordered towed off streets, 4; Guns taken away, 6; Night lights reported out, 5; Bank lights reported out and proper authorities notified, 2; Bank Vault Alarm ringing and investigated, 2; Report of the use of firecrackers investigated, 2; Manhole covers reported off, 1; Miscellaneous permits issued by the Chief for Sunday work and soliciting, 12; All fires covered by our cruisers.

Automobile Accidents

Total number of automobile accidents reported for the year 1947, 457; Fatal accidents, 4; Accidents involving damage to property, 239; Accidents involving personal injuries, 106; Accidents involving taking persons to doctors for treatment, 32; Accidents involving taking persons to hospitals, 14; Accidents involving children, 8; Accidents involving dogs struck or killed, 57.

Mileage of Various Automobile Units

Plymouth Cruiser No. 1 travelled 32,729 miles. Cruiser No. 2, Ford travelled 35,131 miles to Dec. 12 when it was replaced by a 1948 Ford which travelled 193 miles. The Ambulance travelled 3,935 miles. The Chief's Packard travelled 2,882 miles. Total mileage for the four units, 74,870 miles.

Bicycle Registration

Interest in Bicycle registration continues, 315 registration certificates were issued in 1947, making a total since March 9, 1942 of 2490. The amount of \$80.25 was received and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Police Ambulance Records

During the year 1947, the Police made the following trips with the Ambulance:

Winchester Hospital, 62; Mass. General Hospital, 15; Malden City Hospital 2; New England Sanitarium, 9; Choate Memorial Hospital, 23; Melrose Hospital, 9; Haverhill Hospital, 1; Chelsea Naval Hospital, 1; St. John's Hospital, 19; Cambridge City Hospital, 1; Chelsea Soldiers' Home, 2; Robert Brigham Hospital, 2; Mass. Memorial Hospital, 1;

Worcester State Hospital, 3; Malden Doctors' Hospital, 1; Osteopathic Hospital, 3; Met. Hospital, Waltham, 1; Cloverdale Hospital, Lawrence, 1; Veterans' Hospital, West Roxbury, 4; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 2; Lawrence Memorial Hospital, 2; Crocket Sanitarium, Lowell, 1; Mercy Hospital, Portland, 1; Slattery Rest Home, Lowell, 1; Lawrence General Hospital, 1; Otis General Hospital, Cambridge, 3; Doctors' Hospital, Boston, 1; New England Baptist Hospital, 1; Holy Ghost Hospital, Cambridge, 1; MacLean, Hospital, 1; St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1; St. Margaret's Hospital, Dorchester, 1; Cushing Hospital, Framingham, 2; Town Limits, 18; Stoneham Nursing Home, 1; Boston Lying-In Hospital, 1; Wellesley, 1; Andover Academy, 1; Called out but not needed, 9; Total number of trips made by the Ambulance in the year 1947, 210. The amount of \$895.00 was collected for the use of the Ambulance and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Auxiliary Police

During the year the old Auxiliary Police Association was disbanded and a new Organization was formed and called the "Reading Police Reserves". The new organization rendered great service at the big fire last fall and on other occasions, especially Hallowe'en. For this service, I am deeply grateful.

Department Personnel Changes

Thomas E. Wall was appointed Chief of Police, Feb. 1, 1947.

Sergt. Francis L. Johnson retired from the Department, Jan. 1, 1947.

James P. McDonough was appointed a temporary Patrolman, Dec. 13, 1946, resigned from the Department, May 27, 1947.

George LeFave appointed a temporary Patrolman, April 10, 1947.

Paul F. Junkins appointed a regular Patrolman, Jan. 30, 1947.

William H. Dewsnap, Edward M. Hubbard and George LeFave were appointed regular Patrolmen, Dec. 15, 1947.

Recommendations

The Packard car, now used by the Chief, is 11 years old and should be replaced. I recommend that a Ford or Plymouth car be given to the Chief each year, and the car he breaks in turned over to the Department as a cruiser. I further recommend that the Force be increased by one man, either as temporary or permanent.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to extend my appreciation to the Honorable Board of Selectmen, The Judges of the Superior and Woburn District Courts, the Clerks of our Courts, our local Press, the members of the Department and various Town Departments, and to all others who have assisted in promoting the welfare of the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. WALL,

Chief of Police

NINETY-THIRD REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

The 1947 report of the Chief of the Fire Department and Forest Warden is hereby submitted:

Manual Force

The permanent force consists of thirteen men including the Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain and Lieutenant. Due to retirements the first of the year two men were appointed to fill vacancies. There are 17 full time and 5 half time call men.

Auxiliary Fire Service

The Auxiliary Fire Service has continued to be a valuable asset to the department.

Apparatus

Central Fire Station:

Chief's Car — Packard, 1937, 2 way radio.

Engine 1 — Seagrave, 1934, 1,000 gal. per minute pump.

Engine 3 — Seagrave, 1929, 600 gal. per minute pump,

Engine 4 — Chevrolet, 1932, 500 gal. per minute front end pump;
100 gal. per minute portable pump.

Ladder 1 — Seagrave, 1940, 200 gal. per minute pump; 65 ft. Jr. Aerial
Ladder.

Aux. Engine 7 — Trailer, 1947, 500 gal. per minute pump.

Aux. Engine 8 — Trailer, 1947, 500 gal. per minute pump.

Fire Alarm Truck — Chevrolet, 1936, 250 gal. per minute front end
pump.

Woburn Street Station:

Engine 2 — Seagrave, 1926, 400 gal. per minute pump.

Engine 5 — Chevrolet, 1934, 400 gal. per minute front end pump.

The Chief's Car has been painted and the radiator recored. Ladder 1 has had the radiator recored. Engine 1 has new rear tires. Engine 2 has had the motor overhauled, brakes refaced, and new rear tires. Engine 4 has had the brakes refaced. Engine 5 has new rear tires.

Fire Stations

Central Station: — The new heating boiler with oil burner was placed in commission on January 16th and has proven satisfactory. The greater part of the work of installing was done by the permanent men who also

sanded and refinished the floors of the second floor and repainted the walls of the first floor.

Woburn Street Station: — Only minor repairs were made on this building during 1947.

Service Record

The department has responded to 128 bell alarms, 12 of which were false; 321 still and telephone alarms; and 138 Service calls; a total of 587. This is an increase of 14 over 1946.

The fire loss was \$18,828.95, a reduction of \$7,782.05 from 1946.

Feet of hose laid: 26,950 of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch; 47,550 of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch; 41,600 of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch; 203 booster tanks; 1,883 feet of ladder have been raised including 19 times the 65 foot aerial has been used; 16 salvage covers have been spread; Engines have pumped 124 hours; the cellar pump 20 hours and the lighting unit has operated $13\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Extinguishers used: 9 soda-acid; 27 carbon-dioxide; 1 carbon-tetrachloride; and 4 chimney fusees used.

There have been 2 calls for the inhalator, 5 automobile accidents have been responded to, one call was for a lost person.

Eleven firemen and one civilian received minor injuries.

Eleven fires of unknown or suspicious origin were investigated by inspectors from the State Fire Marshals' Office, the local police, and the Fire Chief. Two persons were found guilty, in the Woburn Court, of setting fires.

All explosives turned over to the Chief have been properly disposed of.

Inspections have been made of: 227 oil burners, 9 gasoline tanks, business property, and nursing homes. Several complaints have been investigated.

Forest Fires

The department has responded to 203 grass, brush and dump fires. Most of these were caused by careless burning or maliciousness. The spring was not very hazardous but the fall was extremely dry and after many weeks with no rain, when numerous disastrous forest fires were raging in many locations in the New England States, a fire on October 23rd in Wilmington extended into the Martin Pond area of North Reading followed by a fire off South Street east of Main Street in Reading and another fire starting in Woburn extending into Wilmington and the west side of Reading. This last fire burned over more than 500 acres, approximately 40 in Reading, crossed West Street, south of the Wilmington line, endangering buildings on West Street, West Hill Circle, Longwood Road and County Road, and for a time endangered the entire west section of the town.

Outside Aid was called and responded from 24 cities and towns from Boston and Brookline and Chelsea, to Nashua, New Hampshire. These

companies worked tirelessly for many hours. A mention of the fire in "Fire Engineering", a national publication, stated that it was the largest concentration of apparatus ever assembled in the state under mutual aid. The O.C.D. auxiliary trailer pumps were used to good advantage. Fortunately, due to the strenuous efforts of the firemen, both local and out of town, auxiliary fire service, and civilians, no buildings were lost or damaged. This fire continued for many days. Credit is due the telephone operators in the transmission of emergency calls both incoming and outgoing while the office was "swamped" with other calls. The Red Cross Motor Corps, Canteen and Disaster Units of Reading communities who tirelessly prepared food and covered the fire lines to feed the fire fighters and made preparations to care for those who might be driven from their homes have credit due them. In addition, credit is due to the Lowell Salvation Army who responded with a canteen and many civilians who rendered valuable aid. The Police, regular and auxiliary who handled the vast amount of traffic, caused by spectators, and made the passage of fire apparatus possible also did a wonderful job. The replacements of lost or damaged equipment and destroyed fire hose, with the payment of additional help made an extra appropriation necessary.

Due to small dead end water mains, difficulty was experienced at the north end of West Street, Longwood Road and County Road in that many hydrants were useless due to the lack of water and hydrants distant from the fire made the relaying of water from engine to engine necessary. In one case water was relayed over one mile from a hydrant at Lowell Street in Wilmington along West Street into Reading.

Recommendations

That the permanent force be increased. That repairs be made to the rear springs on Engine 2 or new ones provided. That a new motor be installed in Engine 5. That the bathroom of the Central Station be remodeled and that a heating boiler equipped with an oil burner and a basement sump pump be installed at the Engine 2 station.

Conclusion

In conclusion I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their cooperation, the members of the department and the Auxiliary Fire Service for their efficient work, outside departments which have come to our assistance in time of need, the employees of the New England Telephone Company for their able assistance in the receiving and transmitting of emergency calls, the Moth Department for assistance at forest fires, the personnel of the State Marshal's Office, our local Police for assistance at fires and investigations, and the town departments and citizens for their assistance.

HUGH L. EAMES,

Chief of the Fire Department and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

The report of the Superintendent of Fire Alarm for the year of 1947 is hereby submitted.

The usual program of tree trimming and placing insulators in trees has been carried out with underground conduits laid in Dudley, High and Mineral Streets, also Middlesex Avenue.

Underground cable and overhead wire at Goodall-Sanford Mills was replaced.

The coming year, provided the rebuilding of Lowell Street is carried out, it will be necessary to lay conduits on Lowell Street into Hanscom and Bancroft Avenues and set one pedestal.

One fire alarm box has been replaced and several changes in box locations with some additional boxes are planned for 1948. More boxes should be added each year.

The two-way communication between the chief's car and the police station has proved to be a valuable asset and an extension from the police station to the central fire station is in the process of construction. It is hoped that two-way sets may be placed on some of the apparatus soon.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES,

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

for the year ended

December 31, 1947

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Herbert G. Evans, Chairman
Louis Ellenwood, Secretary
Joseph H. Reed

Term Expires 1948
Term Expires 1949
Term Expires 1950

Manager

Clarence L. Thomas

Office

25 Haven St., Reading, Mass.

MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board:
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the operation of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1947.

In reviewing the second full year of postwar operations as set forth in the summary of income and expenses, it should be gratifying to learn that in spite of steadily climbing expenses, the department has "held the line" on its rates and yet obtained a net operating income nearly equal to that of the previous year.

Plant capacity never before has been so close to power demand. The reasons for this shortage in capacity reserves are identical to the difficulties that have been widely publicized by suppliers of household gas, fuel oil and other services and commodities.

From December 1941 through 1945 the department's addition to its plant were negligible because of WPB controls whereas right on the heels of V-J Day there began a load expansion which added 1825 kilowatts to our pre-war peak of 3975 kilowatts.

An increase equal to that of eight average years growth was thus added in two years.

The operating record during 1947 established some new highs. A few condensed comments on the highlights for the year follow:

Energy Purchased 18,865,801 Kwhr

Up 11.38 percent, average cost was 1.35 cents. The fuel adjustment charge contributed largely to the 7.2 percent increase in the cost per Kwhr purchased by the department.

Peak Load 5800 Kilowatts

Up 11.5 percent; occurred December 23rd. The greatest test of capacity during the Christmas season thus came and went without any noticeable mishap.

Energy Used in Process of Distribution: 8.58%

Up a fraction: The higher core-loss of our larger transformer capacity at the power station accounts for most of the increase.

Energy Sales 17,157,276 Kwhrs

Residential service revenue per Kwhr decreased from 3.61 cents to 3.55 cents while average annual consumption decreased from 1458 to 1389 Kwhr.

Net Operating Income \$79,161.54

Down \$1,546.76. Costs are climbing steadily, undoubtedly the margin will narrow more in 1948.

The total net income which includes a profit of \$30,171.03 from the sale of appliances, and jobbing was \$109,430.64 an increase of \$14,461.57 over last year.

Customers: 7892

363 new services were installed this year.

Additions to Plant \$119,779.25

This is more than the department has expended in any previous year for system expansion. It is estimated that \$135,000.00 will be spent for expansion in 1948.

Rates: Average revenue per Kwhr sold 3.17 cents.

Down slightly. It is hoped that costs will become stabilized so that our exceptionally low rate schedules can be maintained.

A breakdown of revenue and current sold to each class of service may be of interest and is briefly summarized as follows:

Kilowatt Hours Sold and Income from Each Class of Service

	No. of Customers	Kilowatt Hours Sold	Income
Residential	7179	10,999,423	\$390,203.06
Commercial Service	630	2,757,751	81,592.61
Power — Wholesale	12	1,826,560	27,534.33
Municipal Service	41	213,850	3,976.85
Municipal Service — Wholesale ..	5	436,300	7,460.44
To other Utilities for Resale	25	47,004	1,414.53
Private Street Lights		3,362	253.45
Public Street Lights		873,026	32,433.48
Total	7892	17,157,276	\$544,868.75

Operating expenses including taxes, interest and other charges were \$483,063.92 an increase of \$49,947.81 over the previous year.

The profit and loss surplus shows an increase of \$47,184.43 over last year.

A balance of \$109,430.64 was transferred to the Profit and Loss account as of December 31, 1947.

Bond and Note payments amounted to \$16,000.00.

A contribution of \$50,000.00 was paid into the town's general funds.

Total cash received was \$709,368.26 and cash disbursements amounted to \$759,987.18

The cash balance in the Operating Fund on December 31st amounted to \$78,611.80.

The deduction of the \$50,000.00 cash distribution to the Town's general funds left a net cash balance of \$28,611.80, which was transferred to the Construction Fund.

An amount of \$37,086.25 equal to 3 percent of the cost of plant less land as of December 31st, 1946 and which is included in operating expenses has been charged off the various plant investment accounts.

Power Station

An important change at the station consisted of the replacement of our power transformers by two 7500 KVA units which were put into service June 15th.

The two units removed were sold to the Boston Edison Co., for \$7,500.00

The six high tension reactors were replaced by new ones as required to co-ordinate with our larger power transformer capacity.

A new low tension bus was cut into service on October 19th after midnight. The latter change required a shutdown of 3 hours and 44 minutes. At the same time, the main and transfer feeder buses were wiped down and cleaned.

Several minor alterations have been made to the station structure to accommodate the new construction now in process, which will provide urgently needed facilities for additional feeders.

The disposal of the former idle generating equipment during 1946 has proved to have been a timely move as the floor space that thereby became available is presently required for the extension of our feeder gallery.

The new feeder structure will be similar to the present gallery and is being constructed by two men from the A. P. Mace Co., under the supervision of Mr. Prescott R. Nichols, our station electrical engineer.

Mr. Nichols had notified the department early last year of his intention to resign, but an agreement was arranged whereby he will remain until November 1948 for the completion of this important construction.

Our power station construction engineer, Mr. H. J. Odell, met with a fatal accident on October 8th, while working on the new bus at the station. Mr. Odell in 1935 contracted to engineer and construct the extensive changes that were authorized in March 1936. He was engaged in switchboard and power station wiring for 42 years and considered one of the best men in New England on that type of work.

He was employed by the department in 1940 shortly after the retirement of Mr. Hawkins.

The passing of such an esteemed employee is deeply regretted.

Distribution

Power demands continue to run close to or exceed reserve capacity. Tests made within the last few months indicated that one out of every three transformers were sustaining overloads from 150 to 325 percent of normal ratings. Other elements of the distribution system-feeder conductors, voltage regulators, section fuses, low voltage conductors and many individual services, as well as transformer installations, are requiring rehabilitation as rapidly as available materials, manpower and money will allow.

Early in December, it was necessary to relieve the Highland feeder by a transfer of load to the North Main Street feeder as an expedient until a second feeder to the Highland sector can be constructed. The High Street underground was extended with this end in view to provide a second outlet from the underground at High Street and Middlesex Avenue. The arrangement planned involves the underground installation of the present overhead three-phase mains from High Street near Jadem Terrace to Lowell Street at Willow Street.

Larger copper will replace the present conductors on the Wilmington feeder between Perry's Corner and Shawsheen Avenue.

Last July 3rd the new feeder to Lynnfield Center was put into service. The new route via Bay State Road has reduced the circuit distance to half of the former layout through North Reading with the resultant large savings in investment and operating costs.

The discontinued circuit will be used this year as the overhead construction of the second North Reading feeder as soon as the required underground conductors are installed from the power station to the Charles Street riser.

Ten weatherproof enclosures have been purchased to house the 320 K V A of indoor capacitor units which have been in operation at the power station since 1932.

The new housings will adapt the capacitor units for pole mounting and thereby afford additional operating advantages. New poletype capacitor units totalling 180 K V A also will be installed.

Transformers will be tested on a systematic plan with newly purchased recording devices.

Many tree hazards to service have been eliminated by effective trimming for line clearance in Reading and Wilmington.

The year's extensions to the overhead lines required the adding of 176 poles, 68 of which were set by the Telephone Company, 40 Transformers, 278,355 feet of wire and 363 new service connections. Of the 252 pole renewals, 87 were replaced by the Telephone Company.

Street Lighting

Additional Public street lights were installed as follows: Reading 12, Lynnfield 11, North Reading 10, and Wilmington 34.

One private street light was added in Reading.

The 400 candle-power lamps on South Main Street have been changed to 250 candle-power and new fixtures installed.

The total number of public street lights installed as of December 31st were 2,228, and private street lights installed were 18.

The Kilowatt hours sent out on the Reading street light circuits were 570,431 and the appropriation from the tax levy for street lighting was \$16,000.00.

Meter Department

During the year, 1143 meters were tested either in the laboratory or in customer's premises. The department purchased 384 meters and retired 73 from service that were obsolete or damaged beyond repair.

Outdoor meter enclosures were installed only on new connections and where meter changes were required on alterations in service capacity or locations. The 365 outdoor meters installed during the year increased the total to 4,404 as of December 31, 1947.

Because of the unusual amount of maintenance and new construction, the meter department was called upon to assist in many other phases of operations; such as, system voltage and load tests, traffic control repairs, street light control repairs, radio interference and transformer and reclosure tests.

Automotive Equipment

The 1936 Chevrolet and 1939 Plymouth Coupes have been replaced with new Plymouth Coupes.

A new line construction body with a crew compartment has been ordered and delivery is expected sometime this Summer. When this body is ready, it is proposed to purchase a new truck chassis to replace the 1937 Chevrolet which has a stake body unsuitable for line construction work.

A new Ford pick-up truck has been ordered to replace the 1941 Studebaker truck used by the service department and delivery will be made about the middle of January.

Summary of Automobile Expense 1947

Miles Travelled	134,705
Gasoline — 12,082 gals	\$ 1,841.50
Oil — 608 qts.	114.16
Anti-Freeze — 57 qts.	25.12
Material	1,944.12
Labor	3,079.05
Registrations	30.00
Insurance	836.08
Depreciation	3,509.31
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Total Cost	\$ 11,379.34
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Cost per mile	8.447c

Appliance Department

The Sales Department has concluded a year of sales effort which, from a standpoint of revenue, was very good.

The ratio of sales made in relation to the demand for appliances was good, due to the ability of manufacturers to produce ranges and refrigerators in better quantity during 1947.

The sales of appliances showed a net profit of \$29,026.73.

Gross sales were \$141,637.75, which was an increase of 49 percent over 1946.

Incandescent lamps were sold in the amount of \$2,529.48 and miscellaneous sales of \$2,001.01 were made. These figures are included in the total gross sales.

The estimated number of kilowatt hours used annually by the appliances sold in 1947 is 611,278 and the amount of increased annual estimated revenue from the sales of these kilowatt hours is \$21,394.73.

In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the advice and support of the members of the Municipal Light Board and for the loyal cooperation of the employees all of which has made possible the successful operation of the plant.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Law, I submit herewith my estimate of the income and expenses of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1948.

ESTIMATE FOR YEAR 1948

INCOME:

From Private Consumers	\$586,090.47
From Tax Levy	
For Street Lights	16,500.00
For Municipal Buildings	5,665.00
From Miscellaneous Income	1,030.00
Mdse. and Jobbing	4,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$613,285.47

EXPENSES:

Production	\$288,835.99
Distribution	108,400.00
Utilization	13,750.00
Commercial	26,000.00
New Business	250.00
General and Miscellaneous	41,123.00
Depreciation	40,377.56
Bond and Note Payments	10,000.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes	640.00
Uncollectible Operating Revenue	1,500.00
Taxes — Outside Towns	8,500.00
Interest on Consumer's Deposits	750.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$540,126.55
Excess — Income over Expenses	73,158.92
K.W.H. Purchased	20,795,250
K.W.H. Sold	19,027,655
K.W.H. for Reading Street Lights	572,960
Expense per K.W.H. Sold	2.84c
Cost of Street Lights	\$ 16,272.00
Appropriation for Street Lights	\$ 16,500.00

A summary of Income and Expense, total cost of Plant together with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, The Profit and Loss Account, list of bills remaining unpaid at the end of the year, and the auditor's certificate is appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE L. THOMAS, Manager

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

Accountants and Auditors
150 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

January 30, 1948

To the Municipal Light Board
Town of Reading
Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, as at December 31, 1947 and related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended, and reviewed the system of internal control and accounting procedures and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions have examined or tested accounting records of the Department and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion said financial statements present fairly the position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1947 and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & CO.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The report of the Manager as submitted by him together with certificate of the auditor is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

HERBERT G. EVANS

LOUIS ELLENWOOD

JOSEPH H. REED

Municipal Light Board

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

for the year ending December 31, 1947

REVENUES:

Residence Service	\$390,203.06
Commercial Service	81,592.61
Primary Power — Wholesale	27,534.33
Municipal Service	11,437.29
Sales to Private Companies and Municipal Plants	1,414.53
Street Lighting Service	32,686.93
Miscellaneous Income	31,625.81
Total Revenues	\$576,494.56

EXPENSES:

Production Expenses	\$254,711.07
Distribution Expenses	87,408.10
Utilization Expenses	12,470.55
Commercial Expenses	26,293.48
New Business Expenses	183.51
General Expenses	36,403.46
Depreciation	37,086.25
Interest on Bonds and Notes	633.54
Taxes	7,460.24
Uncollectible Operating Revenues	144.94
Interest on Consumers' Deposits	733.88
Retirement Pensions	3,534.90
Total Expense	\$467,063.92

Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$109,430.64
Bonds and Notes Paid	16,000.00
Transfer to Town Treasurer	50,000.00
Net Revenues	\$ 43,430.64

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

as of December 31, 1947

Cost of Land—Ash Street	\$ 2,575.80
25 Haven Street	7,459.46
Cost of Structures—Ash Street	66,224.79
25 Haven Street	28,093.90
Generator Plant—Steam	14,619.24
Transmission, Distribution and Storage:	
Cost of Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equip.	164,204.53
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	590,377.13
Cost of Underground Conduits	122,545.17

Cost of Underground Conductors	111,981.49
Cost of Consumers' Meters	82,983.93
Cost of Meter Installations	29,347.67
Cost of Line Transformers	71,483.42
Cost of Line Transformer Installations	6,573.56
Utilization Equipment:	
Cost of Street Lighting Equip.	57,483.67
TOTAL COST OF ELECTRIC PLANT	\$1,355,953.76

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as of December 31, 1947

FIXED ASSETS:

Land	\$ 10,035.26
Structures	65,129.58
Plant Equipment	—
Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equip.	89,305.69
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	267,046.21
Underground Conduit	95,912.72
Underground Conductors	75,842.37
Consumers' Meters and Installations	51,446.71
Line Transformers and Installations	42,318.49
Street Lighting Equipment	12,667.05
General Equipment	20,645.22
Total Fixed Assets	\$730,349.30
UNFINISHED CONSTRUCTION	4,998.22

CURRENT ASSETS:

Counstruction Fund	\$ 28,611.80
Depreciation Fund	67,097.91
Consumers' Deposit Fund	22,583.00
Petty Cash	300.00
Accounts Payable	62,368.03
Materials and Supplies	102,490.49
Total Current Assets	\$283,451.23
PREPAID INSURANCE	\$ 604.19
TOTALS	\$1,019,402.94

LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable	\$ 29,000.00
Bonds Payable	8,000.00
Accounts Payable	41,238.21
Consumers' Deposits	22,583.00
Town Treas. Petty Cash Fund	300.00
Interest Accrued	234.58
Loans Repayment	614,578.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$715,934.05

PROFIT AND LOSS:

Balance December 31, 1947	\$303,468.89
TOTALS	\$1,019,402.94

Note: A contingent liability in the amount of \$11,416.09 existed at December 31, 1947 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the Middlesex County National Bank of Reading.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

as of December 31, 1947

Balance December 31, 1946	\$256,284.46
Income—Balance from Operating Account	109,430.64
Sale of Transformers	3,753.79
TOTAL CREDITS	\$369,468.89
Bonds and Notes Paid	16,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town	50,000.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 66,000.00
Balance December 31, 1947	\$303,468.89

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

December 31, 1947

Dyer-Clark Co.	\$ 35.56
Merchants Distributors .....	.44
The Lowell Electric Light Corp. ....	.04
Boston Edison Co.	26,363.31
Davis Transformer Co.	110.72
The Eastern Company	2,921.99
G. E. Appliance, Inc.	1,543.15
G. E. Supply Corp.	2,281.79
Kool Rite Radiator Co.	57.13
Edward Lappin	142.36
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.	490.00
Lincoln Oil Co.	234.81
The Lux Clock Mfg. Co.	12.56
L. E. Muran Company	44.35
Spaulding-Moss Co.	1.35
Stiles Electric Motor Service	12.00
Superior Tree Service Co., Inc.	23.50
Taylor Investment Co.	6.71
Westinghouse Electric Supply Co.	1,098.93

J. Brinton Bailey	18.00
George H. Buckminster Company	611.76
Clapp & Leach, Inc.	23.16
Electric Institute of Boston, Inc.	20.00
G. E. Company, 140 Federal St.	7.08
Koppers Co., Inc.	1,381.25
The Maintenance Co., Inc.	66.33
Motion Picture Advertising Service Company, Inc.	73.50
Town Clerk, North Reading — Sullivan	12.00
The L. B. Philbrick Co.	19.87
Sunbeam Appliance Service Company	2.40
George H. Wahn Co.	502.08
Edwin L. Wiegand Co.	1.15
Domenick Zanni	3.00
Air Reduction Sales Company	7.25
Burndy Engineering Co., Inc.	274.32
W. E. Clark and Co., Inc.	3.89
A. J. Lindemann & Hoverson Co.	2.02
New England Gas Products, Inc.	2.31
Reading Diner	2.40
Burrroughs Adding Machine Corp.	35.24
Gibson Refrigerator Company	1.44
Landers, Frary and Clark	18.11
Neal Products Company	14.95
Pennsylvania Oil Company	339.58
Boston Easy Washer Dist. Inc.	6.25
Russell Burnett, Inc.	14.67
Combustion Service Company of New England	15.93
Paul W. Dayton	23.12
Grainger-Rush Company	72.84
H. D. Electric Company	120.00
William T. MacAlpine	44.90
Milhender Dist., Inc.	69.23
New England Tel. & Tel. Company	458.63
Riggs Company	6.40
Simplex Wire & Cable Company	64.55
Brooks Express	64.26
Harry V. Camp	11.33

J. J. Casey & Sons Co.	15.97
Carleton & Gray, Inc. ....	.83
Colonial Auto Exchange, Inc.	8.75
Frank A. Gallagher	45.36
Albért E. Mace Co., Inc.	778.13
Malden Motor Parts Company	30.19
Pettingell Supply Company	5.03
Railway Express Agency	6.45
Reading Automotive Supply	10.13
The Reading Chronicle Press, Inc.	63.00
Reading Square Market	5.70
Transport Clearing Associates	3.41
C. E. Tasney	592.38
Collector of Internal Revenue	11.44
Wanamaker & Feindel	26.05
W. W. Welch	2.00
Chandler & Barker Company	6.05
Florence Stove Company	2.41
Laing Chevrolet Company	19.10
Northeastern Dist., Inc.	1.72
Chapin Oil Company	128.70
H. P. Hood & Sons Company	21.42
Johns-Manville Sales Corporation	85.50
Fred Ralston & Company	62.25
Town of Wilmington — Town Clerk	30.00
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TOTAL	\$ 41,238.21

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1947 is as follows:

Number of permits issued	223
Number of fixtures installed	1,121
Electric Storage Hot Water Heaters	10
Gas Storage Hot Water Heaters	82
30 Gallon Water Tanks	15
Tankless Hot Water Heaters	31
Water Closets	209
Bath Tubs	157
Lavatories	201
Stall Showers	16
Urinals	4
Flat Rim Sinks	118
Sink and Tray Combinations	37
Cabinet Sinks	13
Slop Sinks	3
Laundry Trays	28
Washing Machines	3
Dish Washers	3
Garbage Grinders	5
Soda Fountains	2
Drinking Fountains	3
Grease Traps	1
Gasoline Interceptor Traps	2
Sewer Connections	35
Cesspool Connections	127
Septic Tanks	16

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. SHAW

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Reading:

I submit my report for the year 1947.

The men worked fourteen weeks on line clearance for the Electric Light Department. The expense of this work was paid by the Light Department. In addition to this line clearance low branches and dead wood were removed on Village, Highland, John, Lowell, Sanborn, Woburn, Linden, Hartshorn, Bond and Mineral streets as well as Bancroft ave., Summer ave., Glen road and Van Norden road.

Dormant spraying remains about the same from year to year. This spray is for the control of Scale, Pear Psylla and Spruce Gall.

It was necessary to remove a total of sixteen trees. Several of these trees were destroyed by gas.

Eighty-two trees were planted on the roadside. Nine of these trees were replacements for trees that had been broken off.

During the past year the Dutch Elm disease has increased in Eastern Massachusetts. Diseased trees have been discovered in Andover, Swampscott and Boston. There is a great deal of experimental work going on in regard to this disease. At the present time it is recommended to remove all dead and dying wood and to thoroughly spray the Elms two or three times.

All the Elms on Town property as well as those on the roadside were sprayed once. While it is desirable to spray these trees more than once, with our present equipment and the spraying on private property, this is not possible in the limited time that this work is effective. The trees and brush on the roadside were sprayed again late in July for the control of the Fall Web Worm.

About two miles of roadside were sprayed to eradicate Poison Ivy.

I take this opportunity to thank the men of this Department and all others who assisted me in the past year. Especially the Superintendent of the Board of Public Works, Mr. Welch, for the use of his men and equipment removing stumps and large tree trunks.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,

Tree Warden

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Reading, Massachusetts

For the Year Ended December 31

1947

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

School Committee

Mr. Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High Street	Term Expires 1950
Mr. Melvin S. Crosby, 50 Middlesex Avenue	Term Expires 1950
Mrs. Gladys F. Milton, 281 Summer Avenue	Term Expires 1949
Mr. Alexander P. Glover, 158 Prescott Street	Term Expires 1949
Mrs. Mary E. Earley, 18 Whittier Road	Term Expires 1948
Dr. Merle W. Wescott, 16 Sanborn Street	Term Expires 1948

School Committee Office

Grouard House, 25 School Street	RE 2-0180; 2-0059
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Open Daily

Monday through Friday	8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
During school vacations	9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Superintendent of Schools

Elbridge C. Grover, 6 Pine Ridge Road	RE 2-0180; 2-0059
	Residence: RE 2-0479

Secretary to the Superintendent

Mae A. Tanner, 58 Prescott Street	RE 2-0180; 2-0059
	Residence: RE 2-0050

Clerks in School Committee Office

Margaret R. Sousa, 266 Charles Street	RE 2-0180; 2-0059
	Residence: RE 2-1846
Alice L. Arsenault, 9 Longwood Road	RE 2-0180; 2-0059
	Residence: RE 2-1652-M

Visiting Teacher

Jean F. Ramsay, 385 Summer Avenue	RE 2-1475
	Residence: RE 0084

Attendance Officer

Robert A. Grundy, 25 Lewis Street	RE 2-1475
	Residence: RE 2-0500-M

School Physician

Dr. Albert E. Morris, 24 Sanborn Street	Residence: RE 2-0367
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School Nurse

Margaret B. Clewley, 131 Pleasant Street, Woburn	RE 2-1475
	Residence: WO 2-0316

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

Radio announcement when possible over WNAC, WEEI, WBZ and WLAW between 7:00 and 7:45 a. m.

Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times. Street lights turned on for five minutes at the following times:

- 7:15 a. m. for Senior High School
- 7:30 a. m. for Junior High School
- 7:45 a. m. for Grades 1-6 inclusive

Since the Elementary Schools have two sessions, the afternoon session may be discontinued due to inclement weather. When afternoon sessions are discontinued, announcement will be made over the radio, fire alarm, street light system, as well as in the individual schools on or before 11:30 a. m.

High School sessions will be called off only in cases of extremely severe weather or other emergencies. None of the schools will be closed except in severe weather, but it is hoped that parents will at all times use discretion as to whether their children should attend, even when the schools are in session.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

No sessions:	
Washington's Birthday	February 22, 1948
Vacation	Week of March 22, 1948
No session:	
Memorial Day (Monday)	May 31, 1948
Schools close for summer	June 18, 1948
Schools open	September 7, 1948
No sessions:	
Columbus Day	October 12, 1948
Teachers' Convention	October 29, 1948
Armistice Day	November 11, 1948
Thanksgiving Recess from noon, Nov. 24, 1948 to November 29, 1948	
Christmas Vacation from end of regular sessions, Dec. 23, 1948 to January 3, 1949	
Winter Vacation	Week of February 21, 1949
Spring Vacation	Week of April 18, 1949
No session:	
Memorial Day	May 30, 1949
Schools close for summer	June 17, 1949

SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CLERK

High School:	
Myrtle W. Tilton, 99 Prescott Street	RE 2-0295-W
Jean Underhill, 49 Pratt Street	RE 2-1469-M
Junior High School:	
Priscilla Davis, 38 Temple Street	RE 2-1445-W
Highland School:	
Virginia H. Chute, North Street, N. Reading	N.R. 130
Pearl Street School:	
Dorothy A. Walsh, Park Street, N. Reading	N. R. 195

SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental—Tuesday at Grouard House, 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

Tuberculosis Prevention—Annually by announcement.

Diphtheria Prevention—Annually by announcement.

Registration of children entering school in September is held the previous March. Time announced in local paper.

SCHOOL JANITORS AND MATRONS

High School:

John F. Maguire, 61 Vine Street RE 2-0281-J

Percy W. Curtis, 40 Pleasant Street, Wakefield CR 9-1188-W

Anne L. Joyce, 13 Spring Street RE 2-1435-M

Junior High School:

Fred Riessle, 10 King Street RE 2-1617-M

William R. Yorks, 16 Track Road RE 2-1087-R

Andrew J. Lomax, 159 Lowell Street RE 2-0511-W

Agnes Hurley, 23 King Street RE 2-0118-R

Highland School and Grouard House:

William J. Broussard, 131 Salem Street RE 2-0509-W

Elmer F. White, 111 Salem Street RE 2-2067-M

Matron—vacancy

Pearl Street School:

Simon A. Castine, 21 Green Street.....

Edward W. McBrien, 213 Forest Street RE 2-0228

Prospect Street and Chestnut Hill Schools:

Leander Smith, 193 High Street RE 2-1325

Lowell Street School:

William A. Lloyd, 128 Bancroft Avenue

CAFETERIAS

High School:

Mary A. Kingman, 12 Sanborn Street

Ida Johnson, 38 Washington Street RE 2-0699-J

Junior High School:

Annie L. Canty, 72 Linden Street RE 2-1653-W

Edith J. French, 11 Lewis Street RE 2-0808-W

Eva E. Noble, 241 West Street RE 2-1438-W

Pearl Street School:

Lois M. Connor, 268 Franklin Street RE 2-1251-W

Obeline Arsenault, 6 Eaton Street 2-1713-M

Elsiemae Collins, 11 Beech Street RE 2-0577-R

Highland School:

Evelyn M. Davis, 36 Gould Street

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Reading:

The School Committee submits its annual report.

This year the School Committee has tried to hold its high standard in the teaching personnel and plant maintenance at a minimum cost to the town. We have been well aware of the fact that all materials and service costs have risen, yet we have maintained our school buildings to their peak of usefulness.

At the demand of The State Inspector of Buildings, the School Committee will have expended \$12,515.00 as specified for fire escapes, safety lights, fire doors, smoke screens, et cetera, in certain of the buildings in the school system.

The committee has had prepared, working plans, specifications, and estimates of the proposed Summer Avenue and Oak Street Elementary School which it is submitting to the townspeople at the coming town meeting. The citizens of Reading should know that the crowded conditions in the elementary grades make this building an immediate necessity. Birth statistics prove that this situation is becoming progressively worse. We have placed in the town warrant a request for a sum of money to be used for this purpose.

The School Committee has established a new salary schedule to be effective September 1, 1948. The purpose of doing this is to keep Reading on an equal competitive basis with other towns of the same size and income in the selection and retention of a fine teaching staff.

During the year the resignation of Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, as Superintendent of Schools was received and accepted with regret by the committee.

The terms of Mrs. Mary E. Earley and Dr. Merle W. Wescott expire this year.

Respectfully submitted

ALEXANDER P. GLOVER, Chairman

MARY E. EARLEY

MELVIN S. CROSBY

GLADYS S. MILTON

GOULD B. RUGGLES

MERLE W. WESCOTT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET—1943

Appropriations, Transfers and Refunds 1947

Expended 1947

SALARIES:

\$294,691.61	Supt. and Teachers	\$292,203.44
2,600.00	Substitutes	1,218.00
29,244.00	Janitors	28,883.42
500.00	Compulsory Attendance	207.66
3,583.33	Nurse and Clerks	3,152.15
1,100.00	Medical Inspection	1,266.56
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\$331,718.94	Total Salaries	\$326,951.23

MAINTENANCE:

General Control:

\$ 650.00	Supt's Office Supplies	\$ 448.73
50.00	Research and Professional Study ..	50.00
260.00	Printing	145.70
500.00	Travel Expenses	537.70
550.00	Other Expenses	491.06
600.00	Grouard House — Operation	622.79
335.00	Grouard House — Maintenance	133.89
375.00	Grouard House — Capital Outlay	373.45
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\$ 3,320.00	Total General Control	\$ 2,803.32

INSTRUCTION:

\$ 625.00	Supervision	\$ 648.78
616.00	Prin. Office Expense	373.73
2,587.00	Textbooks	2,087.89
10,400.00	Supplies	10,602.53
690.00	Library	615.04
1,035.00	Supplementary Books	1,025.95
350.00	Commencement	307.70
1,100.00	Other Expenses	1,093.91
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\$ 17,403.00	Total Instruction	\$ 16,755.53

	OPERATION OF PLANT:	
\$ 3,500.00	Janitors' Supplies	\$ 3,865.67
11,000.00	Fuel	10,485.16
1,600.00	Water and Sewer	1,140.84
3,500.00	Electricity	3,426.72
25.00	Gas50
920.00	Other Expenses	964.48
850.00	Telephone	729.34
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\$ 21,395.00	Total Operation	\$ 20,612.71
	Maintenance of Plant:	
\$ 2,474.00	Grounds	\$ 3,469.01
5,256.00	Buildings	6,360.96
2,770.00	Service Systems	2,593.86
1,485.00	Plumbing	1,924.00
1,857.00	Instructional Apparatus	3,596.16
350.00	Furniture	114.28
160.00	Other Expenses	135.89
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\$ 14,352.00	Total Maintenance	\$ 18,194.16
	Capital Outlay:	
\$ 1,339.00	Alterations and Additions	\$ 383.86
740.00	Furniture	433.22
2,427.00	Instructional Apparatus	873.28
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\$ 4,506.00	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 1,690.36
	Auxiliary Agencies:	
\$ 104.00	Tuition	\$ 104.00
	Coordinate Account:	
\$ 100.00	Compulsory Attendance	\$ 55.00
40.00	Medical Service	21.75
475.00	Nurse Service	412.15
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\$ 615.00	Total Coordinate Account	\$ 488.90
\$ 1,211.50	New Chevrolet Coach Sedan	\$ 1,211.50
\$ 62,906.50	Total General Maintenance	\$ 61,860.48
\$394,625.44	Grand Total	\$388,811.71
\$ 13,000.00	Transportation	\$ 11,541.67
\$ 2,000.00	Industrial Tuition	\$ 1,814.67
\$ 550.00	Retirement for Teacher in Service....	\$ 550.00
\$ 12,515.00	Safety Equipment	\$ 9,620.59
\$ 52,075.99	School Lunches	\$ 44,756.81
\$ 5,837.49	W. F. A. Reimbursement	\$ 5,837.49

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET — 1948
Receipts Not from Tax Levy — Showing Net Cost to Town
January 28, 1948

Budget Estimate 1948			
\$425,439.10			
General Account:			
Total Expenditure (Less Transportation			\$388,811.71
Receipts:			
State Reimbursement on Teachers	\$ 19,000.00		\$ 18,850.30
Tuition	22,000.00		12,540.00
Sundry	41,200.00		31,515.70
\$384,239.10			\$357,296.01
School Lunches:			
Appropriations	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 45,000.00
W. F. A. Reimbursement 1946	4,000.00		436.29
W. F. A. Reimbursement 1947			5,401.20
W. F. A. Equipment Reimbursement			1,238.50
			\$ 52,075.99
Credits:			
Inventory		\$ 856.66	
Cash for Lunches	\$ 50,000.00	34,607.43	
W. F. A. Reimbursement 1946	4,000.00	436.29	
W. F. A. Reimbursement 1947		5,401.20	
W. F. A. Equipment Reimbursement		1,238.50	\$ 42,540.08
Industrial Tuition:			
Total Cost of Operation			\$ 44,756.81
Balance to Town			\$ 7,319.18
Industrial Tuition:			
Total Expenditure			\$ 1,814.67
Receipts:			
State Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00		
	1,250.00		842.34
\$ 1,750.00			\$ 972.33
NET COST TO TOWN			

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL — 1947

Left:

Florence Banning	Highland School—Cafeteria	February
Warburton J. Murray	Attendance Officer	April
Mary White	High School—Matron	April
Glenna Dow	Pearl St. School—Grade 2	May
Florence Thackleberry	Highland School—Grade 6	May
Alice L. Bingham	Junior High School—Secretary	June
Phyllis G. Boles	Junior High School—Home Ec.	June
Hazel Davis	Pearl St. School—Grade 6	June
Kathleen Fesler	Pearl St. School—Grade 4	June
Helen F. Frederic	Lowell St. School—Grade 3	June
Jessie L. Goddard	Lowell St. School—Grade 2	June
Lila Hall	Highland School—Matron	June
Thomas F. Halpin, M. D.	School Physician	June
Olga Henderson	Highland School—Cafeteria	June
Helen M. Ingalls	School Committee Office—Clerk	June
Priscilla A. Hingston	Junior High School—Home Ec.	June
Genevieve P. Hook	Junior High School—Latin	June
Ida M. Monahan	Pearl Street Cafeteria	June
Eunice O'Donnell	Pearl Street School—Grade 2	June
Elizabeth Robinson	Pearl Street School—Grade 3	June
Sylvia Batchelder	Highland School—Secretary	August
Helen B. Stanwood	Senior High School—Commercial	August
Elisabeth Louanis	Highland School—Matron	October
Barbara F. McQuesten	Highland School—Secretary	November
Edna L. Rohwedder	Junior High School—Eng., Music	Nov.

Appointed:

Elsiema Collins	Pearl Street School—Cafeteria	January
Evelyn Davis	Highland School—Cafeteria	January
Ida Monahan	Pearl Street School—Cafeteria	January
Obeline Arsenault	Pearl Street School—Cafeteria	February
Florence Banning	Highland School—Cafeteria	February
Olga Henderson	Highland School—Cafeteria	March
Wellington A. Brewster	Junior High School—Soc. Studies	May
Margaret R. Sousa	School Committee Office—Clerk	May
Annie L. Joyce	Senior High School—Matron	May
Priscilla Davis	Junior High School—Secretary	June
Barbara F. McQuesten	Highland School—Secretary	August
Alton C. Bennett	Senior High School—History	Sept.
Isabel L. Carley	Pearl Street School—Grade 3	Sept.
Kathleen O. Chandler	Junior High School—Eng., Latin	Sept.
Norma P. Chase	Lowell St. School—Grade 2	Sept.

Lois Connor	Pearl Street School—Cafeteria	Sept.
Marion R. Dynice	Pearl Street School—Grades 2-3	Sept.
Daretta Esh	Highland School—Grade 6	Sept.
Alice H. Franzen	Senior High School—Commercial	Sept.
Clementina Frasca	Junior High School—English	Sept.
Doris Forbes	Highland School—Grade 5	Sept.
Pauline S. Gilman	Pearl Street School—Grade 2	Sept.
Anne M. Howe	Pearl Street School—Grade 4	Sept.
James A. McLaughlin	Pearl Street School—Grade 6	Sept.
Albert E. Morris, M. D.	School Physician	Sept.
Lorraine Pulson	Highland School—Grades 4-5	Sept.
Grace M. Walkey	Junior High School—Home Ec.	Sept.
Katherine A. White	Senior High School—English	Sept.
Robert A. Grundy	Attendance Officer	Oct.
Elisabeth Louanis	Highland School—Matron	Oct.
Violet H. Rockney	Junior High School—Music, English	Nov.
Virginia M. Chute	Highland School—Secretary	Nov.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

Class of Service		Men	Women	Total
Total number of School Committee employees ..		43.0	87.0	130.0
A. Administration				
Total		2.4	2.4	4.8
Superintendent		1.0		1.0
Attendance		1.0		1.0
Visiting Teacher			1.0	1.0
Directors and Supervisors .....		.4	1.4	1.8
B. Supervising Principals				
Total		3.0	1.0	4.0
High School		1.0		1.0
Junior High School		1.0		1.0
Elementary Schools		1.0	1.0	2.0
C. Teachers				
Total		25.6	62.6	88.2
1. Regular				
Total		18.5	53.5	72.0
High School (Grades 10-12).....		9.5	9.5	19.0
Junior High School (Grades 7-9)		7.0	8.0	15.0
Elementary Schools (Grades 1-6)		2.0	36.0	38.0
Chestnut Hill School			2.0	2.0
Highland School		1.0	11.0	12.0
Lowell Street School			4.0	4.0
Pearl Street School		1.0	13.0	14.0
Prospect Street School			6.0	6.0

2	Special	Total	7.1	9.1	16.2
	Administrative, Supervisory and Guidance		.5	.5	1.0
	Art .....		.8	1.0	1.8
	Industrial Arts		3.0		3.0
	Home Economics			2.0	2.0
	Librarian			1.0	1.0
	Music .....		.8	1.0	1.8
	Physical Education		2.0	1.6	3.6
	Special Classes			2.0	2.0
Sum of A, B, and C			31.0	66.0	97.0
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D.	Secretaries and Clerks	Total		8.0	8.0
	Superintendent's Office	Total		2.5	2.5
	Cafeteria5	.5
	High School			2.0	2.0
	Junior High School			1.0	1.0
	Highland School			1.0	1.0
	Pearl Street School			1.0	1.0
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E.	Health Department	Total	1.0	1.0	2.0
	Physician		1.0		1.0
	Supervisor			1.0	1.0
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F.	Janitors and Matrons	Total	11.0	3.0	14.0
	High School		2.0	1.0	3.0
	Junior High School		3.0	1.0	4.0
	Chestnut Hill School .....		.5		.5
	Highland School and Grouard House		2.0	1.0	3.0
	Lowell Street School		1.0		1.0
	Pearl Street School		2.0		2.0
	Prospect Street School5		.5
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G.	Cafeteria Service	Total		9.0	9.0
	High School			2.0	2.0
	Junior High School			3.0	3.0
	Highland School			1.0	1.0
	Pearl Street School			3.0	3.0

AGE-GRADE TABLE—October 1, 1947

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 and over	Total
Grade 1	100	137	8															
" 2		77	109	13	1													245
" 3			65	109	24	2												200
" 4				78	106	26	3											200
" 5				1	55	89	17	6	1	1								213
" 6						50	88	29	9	1								170
" 7							40	75	40	11								177
" 8								50	69	26	13	4	1					166
" 9								1	44	92	24	6						163
" 10																		167
" 11									1	70	121	23	11	1				227
" 12											54	107	25	3	1			190
PG												39	73	26	6	1		145
Opportunity													3	2		1		6
			1	1	8	5	5	1	5	1								27
TOTAL	100	214	183	202	194	172	153	162	169	202	212	179	113	32	7		2	2296

MEMBERS OF READING SCHOOL FACULTIES

(Dates indicate year of appointment in Reading)

School Committee Offices

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| Elbridge C. Grover | Superintendent of Schools |
| Harvard, B.S.; Columbia University, M.A.; N. Y. University, Ph.D.; LaSorbonne, Paris (1939) | |
| Albert E. Morris, M. D. | School Physician |
| Dartmouth, B.A.; Harvard Medical School, M.D. (1947) | |
| Margaret B. Clewley, R. N. | Supervisor of Health |
| Newton Hospital, R. N.; Simmons College, Certificate of Public Health Nursing; B. University, Harvard (1939) | |
| Bernice Burdick | Elementary Supervisor of Music |
| Boston University, Mus. B.; Columbia, M.A.; Boston Conservatory, Trinity (1945) | |
| Robert A. Grundy (1947) | Attendance Officer |
| Jean F. Ramsay | Visiting Teacher |
| Smith College, B.A.; Columbia University, M.A.; Stockholm and Upsala (1941) | |

Senior High School

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| Rudolf Sussmann | Supervising Principal |
| Boston University, B.S.Ed.; Harvard (1917) | |
| Luke Halpin | Assistant Principal, Math. |
| Bowdoin, B.A.; Boston University, M.A.; Harvard (1922) | |
| Royal S. Adams | Science, Math. |
| Bates College, B.S.; Harvard, Boston University (1943) | |
| Philip W. Althoff | Director of Physical Ed., Athletics |
| Springfield College, B.P.E., M.Ed. (1927) | |
| Clifford W. Baker | Math. |
| Boston University, B.S.; M.A. (1944) | |
| Elizabeth A. Batchelder | Commercial English, Guidance |
| Salem Normal; Boston University, B.S.Ed. (1916) | |
| Alton C. Bennett | Social Science, Coaching |
| Tufts College, A.B.; M.A. (1947) | |
| Elsie I. Bishop | Librarian |
| Colby College, B.A.; Simmons, B.L.S.; Boston University (1943) | |
| Robert Bronner | World History |
| Boston University, B.S.Ed.; M.S.Ed.; Harvard (1940) | |
| Cathleen Burns | English and Spanish |
| Smith College, A.B.; Boston University, A.M. (1942) | |
| Virginia Cox | English and Latin |
| Radcliffe, A.B.; A.M.; Harvard (1945) | |

- Joseph A. Crowley Math., Athletics
Dartmouth College, A.B.; Boston University (1946)
- Alberta F. Drury Bookkeeping, Bus. Law, Arithmetic
Posse Normal, Salem Normal, Boston University (1917)
- Joseph F. Fitzgerald Math.
Boston College, A.B.; A.M.; Boston University, M. I. Tech
(1929)
- Alice H. Franzen Shorthand, Type.
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1947)
- William E. Hanlon Social Studies, German
Dartmouth College, A.B.; Boston University, Ed.M. (1945)
- L. Reginald A. Kibbe Art Supervisor and Teacher
Mass. School of Art, B.S.E.; Boston University, M.Ed.; Colum-
bia (1936)
- Svea W. Kling Shorthand, Type., Business English
Burdett, Boston University, B.B.A.; Harvard, M.Ed. (1940)
- Florence G. Nichols Phys. Ed. Supervisor and Teacher
Sargent School, Boston University, B.S.Ed., M. I. Tech. (1929)
- Frederick J. Pope Chemistry and Physics
Colby, B.S.; Harvard, M.Ed.; M. I. Tech (1922)
- Mary E. Shay English
Regis College, B.A.; Harvard; B. College (1943)
- Arthur L. Spencer Latin and English
Amherst College, A.B.; Brown, A.M.; Boston University (1938)
- Cyrus D. Thompson Director and Teacher of Music
N. E. Cons. of Music; Penn State, B.S.; Eastman School of
Music, M.M.; N.Y. University (1945)
- Marion B. Wadsworth French
Radcliffe, A.B.; M.A.; Harvard; Inst. of France (1943)
- Katherine A. White English and History
Brown University, A.B.; Boston University (1947)
- Helen R. Zimmerman Chemistry, Science, Biology
Wellesley, B.A.; Purdue University, M.S., Ph.D.; Ohio State;
M. I. Tech. (1936)

Junior High School

- Robert F. Perry Supervising Principal
U. S. Naval Academy, B.S.; University of New Hampshire;
Columbia University (1935)
- William A. Rich Assistant Principal, Math.
Salem Normal; Boston University; B.S.Ed.; M.A. (1928)
- James T. Amsler Shop
Fitchburg State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1946)

Harriet S. Beattie	Art
Massachusetts School of Art, B.S.Ed. (1936)	
Lloyd G. Blanchard	Mathematics
Dartmouth College, A.B. (1946)	
Wellington A. Brewster	Mathematics
Tufts, A.B.; M.Ed. (1947)	
Kathleen O. Chandler	Latin and English
University of New Hampshire, B.A.; Columbia, M.A. (1947)	
John R. Copithorne	General Science
Simpson College, B.A.; Boston University (1946)	
Ethelyn M. Cowperthwaite	English
Framingham Teachers' College; Harvard; Boston University; Cornell (1945)	
Marian D. Day	Science
Bates College; M. I. Tech.; Harvard; B. University (1925)	
Clementina Frasca	English
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1947)	
Grace M. Harriman	Social Studies
Radcliffe, B.A.; Harvard, M.Ed.; Stanford University; College of the Pacific (1928)	
Walter E. Hawkes	Physical Ed., and Hygiene
Springfield College, B.S. (1933)	
Louise B. Jenkins	Social Studies
Bridgewater Normal; Boston University, B.S.Ed.; Harvard, (1920)	
Helen R. Knight	English
Lowell State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1946)	
Roderick E. Macdonald	Shop
Fitchburg State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1937)	
John B. Pacino	Commercial Subjects
Tufts, B.S.; Springfield College, B. University (1945)	
Anna M. Reck	Mathematics
Radcliffe, B.A.; Boston University (1928)	
Neil C. Robinson	Social Studies
Mass. State College, B.S.; Boston University, M.Ed.; Harvard (1936)	
Violet H. Rockney	Music and English
Los Angeles City College; University of the City of Los Angeles, B.A. (1947)	
Margaret Tyacke	Physical Ed. and Hygiene
Harvard Summer School; Boston University (1926)	
Frederick Wales	Shop
Fitchburg State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1942)	
Helen A. Walker	Home Economics, Jr. and Sr. High
Framingham State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1941)	

- Grace M. Walkey Home Economics
Framingham State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1947)
- Albert H. Woodward Math., Social Studies
Amherst, A.B.; Boston University, Ed.M.; Clark University
(1940)

Highland School

- Elizabeth Graham Supervising Principal
Framingham Normal; Boston University, B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.; Harvard (1941)
- Henry J. Barone Grade 6
State Teachers' College, N. J. B.S.; Boston University, M.Ed. (1946)
- Dorothy L. Burgess Grade 3
Leslie Normal, Boston University (1926)
- Dorothy L. Cronin Grade 2
Lowell State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Boston University, M.Ed. (1933)
- Eileen R. Cummings Grade 1
Wheelock College, B.S.Ed. (1945)
- Daretta G. Esh Grade 6
Central Michigan College, B.A. (1947)
- Doris S. Forbes Grade 5
Plymouth Teachers' College (1947)
- R. Hilda Gaffney Grade 6
Boston University, B.S.Ed.; University of Wisconsin (1941)
- Carolyn Grace Grade 5
North Adams Normal; Boston University; Hyannis Summer School; Harvard (1919)
- Olive L. Joney Grade 4
Worcester State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Boston University, M.Ed. (1946)
- Edythe M. McQuaide Grade 6
Lowell State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Tufts, M.A. (1940)
- Florence Potter Grade 5
Plymouth Normal School; Boston University (1926)
- Lorraine Pulson Grades 4-5
Salem Teachers' College (1947)

Pearl Street School

- Arthur D. Simonds, Jr. Supervising Principal
Boston University, B.R.E.; M.A.; Yale (1944)
- Doris Bailey Grade 5
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; University of Michigan, M.A.; Duke; Columbia (1945)

Ruth S. Carey	Grade 1
Boston University, B.S.Ed. (1941)	
Isabel L. Carley	Grade 3
Salem State Teachers' College; Penn State (1928)	
Velma E. Curtin	Grade 2
Perry Kindergarten; Boston University; Tufts (1927)	
Marion K. Dynice	Grade 2-3
Fitchburg State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1947)	
Pauline S. Gilman	Grade 2
Keene Normal School (1947)	
A. Josephine Guild	Grade 1
Perry Kindergarten School; Boston University, B.S.Ed. (1944)	
Frances Haskins	Grade 3
Aroostock State Teachers' College (1943)	
Ann M. Howe	Grade 5
Framingham State Teachers' College; Boston University (1947)	
Esther Kempton	Grade 4
Farmington Normal School; Boston University (1946)	
Beth G. MacGregor	Grade 1
Salem State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1943)	
James A. McLaughlin	Grade 6
Oswego State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Boston University, M.Ed. (1947)	
Mary W. Moore	Grade 5
Provincial, N.S., Normal School; Boston University, B.S.Ed; Harvard (1941)	
Helen D. Stockwell	Special Class
Salem Normal School; Boston University; Harvard (1930)	
Margaret G. Traquair	Special Class
Salem State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1945)	
Myrla P. Wilbur	Grade 6
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Hyannis, M.Ed. (1945)	

Lowell Street School

Nellie P. Beaton	Principal, Grade 4
Hyannis Teachers' College, U. of Maine; Boston University (1920)	
Norma K. Chase	Grade 2
University of Vermont, B.E. (1947)	
Lorraine C. Merrill	Grade 3
Gorham Normal School, Boston University, B.S. (1946)	
Marion R. Weagle	Grade 1
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.E. (1946)	

Prospect Street School

Eleanor M. Skahill	Principal, Grade 4
Bridgewater Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Boston University (1943)	
Catherine M. Chipman	Grade 3
Lowell State Teachers' College; Boston University (1944)	
Grace L. Gifford	Grade 1
Wheelock Kindergarten School; Boston University (1943)	
Helena A. Markham	Grade 4
Framingham State Teachers' College; Boston University (1934)	
Alberta R. Mathieson	Grade 2
Salem State Teachers' College; Boston University (1924)	
Glenis M. Ridley	Grade 1
Farmington Normal School; University of Maine (1946)	

Chestnut Hill School

Irene R. Royea	Principal, Grades 1 and 2
Aroostook Normal School; Boston University (1928)	
Clara A. Anderson	Grade 3 and 4
Gorham Normal School; Boston University, B.S.Ed. (1944)	

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1947

To the School Committee

Reading, Massachusetts

Mrs. Earley, Mrs. Milton, and Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my ninth annual report as Superintendent of Schools, which is the fifty-fifth of a series of annual reports describing the work of the Reading Public Schools.

Reading, along with other towns and cities, has been faced with two major problems during the past year. The first, and most important, was the changes in teaching personnel. The second was the increased school enrollments, especially in the elementary grades. Underlying both of these problems has been the difficult economic situation with high prices and shrinking dollars with which all public services have been confronted. These conditions resulted in the need for increasing salaries and the necessity of paying high prices for supplies, repairs and maintenance of public property.

The school administration has, throughout the year, sought to attract teachers with ability, excellent training, and experience. During the year eighteen new members have been added to the school staffs. This number is four less than the twenty-two added in 1946, yet it is a sizable number of people to assimilate in an organization and still retain the advantages of the continuity which made possible constant and steady professional growth under pre-war conditions.

Increase in Birth Rate

School populations are increasing throughout the country. This increase is largely due to the accelerated birth rate during the war years. It is beginning to be reflected in the primary grades and will have even more effect upon elementary school enrollments in the next five years.

Births, as recorded in the Town Reports for the last ten years, show the following increases: 1937-144, 1938-138, 1939-149, 1940-165, 1941-170, 1942-222, 1943-237, 1944-223, 1945-205, and 1946-244.

Enrollment Increase

Since Reading is so close to Boston we can expect continued increases in school enrollments, not only from the increase in birth rate, but also from families moving into Reading to make it their home.

This growth will bring problems of school accommodation which will be acute unless additional facilities are provided in the near future.

The October 1, 1947, enrollment figures by grades and schools are as follows:

School	Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Opp.	
Pearl		101	81	89	74	58	73	27	503
Highland		37	35	27	44	112	104	—	359
Prospect		51	36	38	46	—	—	—	171
Lowell		36	34	26	34	—	—	—	130
Chestnut Hill		20	14	20	15	—	—	—	69
Grade Totals		245	200	200	213	170	177	27	1232

and the comparative enrollment figures for the last seven years are:

School	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
Senior High	599	548	491	508	495	531	568
Junior High	524	521	514	524	514	501	496
Elementary	1093	1103	1150	1152	1180	1201	1232
Totals	2216	2172	2150	2184	2189	2233	2296

Neither birth rates nor enrollments alone can be depended upon for an accurate index of future school population growth because of the movement of families in and out of town, but taken together indicate a definite and steady increase of young people for whom the schools must provide.

Safety Construction and Building Repairs

Much has been done this year to make our school buildings safer and more attractive. Fire escapes have been added to the Senior High School, and emergency lighting is being installed in the Junior High School, Highland, Lowell, and Pearl Street Schools. Fire doors have been made for the Chestnut Hill, Lowell, and Highland Schools, and smoke screens have been erected in the Lowell and Highland Schools.

Because materials were again available, many repairs were undertaken which have been deferred for a number of years. The most important among these repairs were the following: hot-topping the King Street driveway at the Junior High School, new shades throughout the School System, painting auditorium and cafeteria and a number of rooms in the Junior High School and the first floor in the Senior High School, re-tubing two large boilers in the Junior and Senior High Schools, and providing large curtains in the Junior High School gymnasium. The roof of the Prospect Street School caught fire and had to be replaced. An incinerator was installed in the Highland School, and the water piping in the basement of this school was renewed.

No matter what is done to make the present buildings safe and attractive, there still must be faced the need for increased room for effective instruction.

The pupils in the Prospect School district still must use two classrooms in the Junior High School. In the Elementary schools there are many classes in which there are more children than seems wise for efficient learning. This is particularly true of the primary grades.

It may be necessary next year to turn the small library and the adjoining teachers' room in the Highland School into an additional classroom due to the growing school population in this area.

The problem of enrollment growth is not an easy one to solve. If a new school at the corner of Oak Street and Summer Avenue were opened tomorrow, it would have to accommodate the two classes at Chestnut Hill, the six rooms at Prospect, and all the fifth and sixth grades at Highland School who live in the Chestnut Hill and Prospect School districts. This would mean there would be enough pupils to fill twelve rooms of a proposed eighteen room building.

There is urgent need to consider a long-range building program when costs make construction possible.

Teaching Stresses Fundamentals

Schools have been established by the citizens of the community to do two specific things: the first is to teach pupils those fundamental learnings which will make them efficient citizens; the second is to teach these learnings in such a way that pupils can apply them efficiently in the practical situations arising in their lives today, and in the years to come. The first of these objectives dominated much of school work in the nineteenth century, but life became much more complex in the 20th century and these fundamental learnings we now use in a multitude of ways unknown before.

The most important contribution to teaching in the last twenty-five year is the discovery that children differ widely in their ability to learn. This difference in learning ability is to a certain extent general. It is also specific. Children differ in learning Arithmetic, Spelling, Reading, Writing and other things.

Our methods in school take these facts into account. Teachers take special pains to understand the difficulties a child has in learning, and work with him individually to bring up his achievement.

We use drill but believe it is most effective when it has meaning for the pupil. If, in the solution of an Arithmetic problem, a child fails because he has not learned his multiplication facts—that is the time for thorough drill, because he can see the need of it.

The teaching of the multiplication facts is begun as early as the child has a curiosity or need to use them, even if the child happens to be in the first grade. The learning of these facts proceeds until all of them are learned. The child in this way builds up a knowledge of the multiplication table by the fourth or fifth grade and values it as a tool for future use.

Each year we find certain lacks and failures in basic knowledge, due perhaps to imperfect teaching methods or failures in intergration. Those things we mark for fresh study to discover how improvement may be made. Throughout the country a fresh attack is being made on spelling,

and we are working on it in Reading; we are also diagnosing failure of individual students in fundamentals by means of a battery of tests in the High School, and finding ways of supplying those things which are lacking.

Thinking things through and developing sound judgments also enter into teaching from the first grade through the high school. Our schools provide many opportunities for growth along these lines. Discussions in English and Social Study classes, membership on a student council, or a traffic patrol, or working with a few other pupils to present the results of the group's study to the whole class, constantly help pupils develop good judgment and clear thinking.

To help all teachers obtain a broad common background of teaching material and suggestions for its use, the State Department of Education in 1947 issued a large teachers' guide of over 500 pages. With all teachers in a given grade using this guide, pupils in the various schools are guaranteed more uniform instructional material than heretofore. The textbooks and supplementary books used in connection with the State Guides, provide pupils of different levels of ability with material suited to their needs.

Emphasis on Speech

This year speech has been emphasized—especially in the Junior High School. Here we have had some assistance from an excellent speech instructor who developed speech work with the teachers, and they in turn worked with their students. Through this emphasis on developing correct speech habits we hope our pupils will be better able to think on their feet and to talk in clear, concise, and convincing English. The Elementary schools are also giving increased attention to good speech.

Music Classes Grow

Music has increased in importance in the school curriculum during the last year. The band in the High School now numbers 53 members and has played regularly at football games. The High and Junior High School orchestras have increased in size during the year.

A new musical venture was started in the Elementary Schools this year. Instrumental classes were organized at Pearl and Highland Schools. School-owned instruments were used when ever possible—these were supplemented by instruments which were rented by parents or donated by friends. Weekly classes taught by the Director of Music have included eighteen pupils playing trumpets, cornets, trombones or horns, twenty playing clarinets or saxophones, eighteen playing violins or cellos, and ten playing drums. This teaching is preliminary to the development of Elementary School orchestras. Much public interest is being shown in the method of teaching as well as in the progress of the pupils.

Many students are taking advantage of private instruction being offered after school and Saturday mornings here in Reading and in Boston. Nine students are sufficiently advanced to participate in rehearsals and concerts of the Reading Civic Symphony.

Art Work is Unified

The Art work has grown to a point where additional supervision will be needed before long. The present supervisor carries a load of four High School classes and the supervision of Art work in forty Elementary classes. In the High School a course of Art Appreciation, open to all students, is offered. This course provides a one-year survey of Art, both from the historical and contemporary viewpoints. In the second and third years, the Art work covers production of drawings, paintings, designs, interior decoration, modelling and posters. The Art pupils have generously loaned their talents in supplying posters, displays, and decorations for many community drives and affairs.

The Junior High School Art Classes have developed a program leading up to the Senior High School work. It is, however, also concerned with finding the pupils with art ability and encouraging them to prepare for careers in which these talents are used.

In the Elementary Schools the teaching of Art is a part of many activities—decorating the stage for a play; contributing to exhibits in the school showcases; illustrating events in Social Studies; and representing the child's own experiences in art forms. Pupils become interested in line, form, color, rhythms, and design organization.

Health Work in the Schools

The work of giving thorough general physical examinations to children in Grades 1, 3, 6, 9, and 12 has continued this year. The Massachusetts Vision Test is given throughout the school system in search of defective vision.

In June a Hearing Research Program was set up in the Junior High School. This made possible for each child with a reported hearing loss an opportunity for an ear, nose and throat examination by a recognized specialist. Dr. Werner Mueller, of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, made the examinations. The results were as follows:

44 pupils showed a significant hearing loss.

1 pupil had a marked hearing loss since childhood.

1 pupil had hearing loss throughout the tone range.

Of the 44 showing significant hearing loss, 18 were recommended for surgical removal of tonsils and adenoids by X-ray treatment. Opportunity to have these operations performed without charge were made through Mr. Philip Johnston, of the Child Growth and Development Division of the Department of Public Health.

Dental Clinic

Because of the increase in costs, the Dental Clinic has found itself in a difficult financial position. Appeals have been made to the Parent-Teacher Associations for additional funds. If increased support is not obtained soon, the work of the Clinic will be greatly reduced.

Diphtheria Clinic

In March notice was received that a Junior High School pupil had been found to have a positive throat culture. Immediately a Schick Clinic was organized with the aid of Dr. Halligan, Dr. Baisley, Dr. Morris and Dr. Halpin, assisted by three Reading Good Health Committee workers. The Schick test was administered to 442 pupils, 19 teachers and 3 cafeteria workers during a three-hour period.

Cafeteria Program Expanded

With funds available in 1946 and financial assistance from the War Food Administration cafeterias were established in the Highland and Pearl Street Schools. The cost of a well-balanced meal for children in these cafeterias at present is 25c. This includes a bottle of milk. For each meal the War Foods Administration provides 7c thus making it possible for the pupils to obtain the benefit of a much better meal than they could otherwise.

The basis of any school system is the quality and ability of its teaching corps. The members of the school staff in Reading have worked hard this year to reach high professional standards. They have done this in the face of very trying economic conditions. They should receive the appreciation of everyone interested in the education of Reading's youth.

Respectfully submitted,

ELBRIDGE C. GROVER

Superintendent of Schools

READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1947

Outdoor Exercises, Junior High School Stadium

Wednesday Afternoon, June Fourth

P R O G R A M

'PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President, Herbert John Robertson

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Key-Smith

Audience, Senior Class and Band

PRAYER — Rev. William Gunter

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SALUTATORY

“Opportunities—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”

Albert Chester Robinson, Jr.

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TORCH ORATION

Herbert John Robertson, Class President

ESSAY—“The End of the Beginning”

Gladys M. Buck, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—“Culture and The Classics”

Robert D. Marston, Class Honors

AN EVENING'S PASTORALE

Shaw

GLORIA FROM THE “TWELFTH MASS”

Mozart

A Cappella Choir

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ESSAY—“Life's Final Star”

Eleanor Ann Cole, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—“Worth from Waste through Chemurgy”

E. Thomas Stafford, Class Honors

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VALEDICTORY

“Operation Education”

Elisabeth Ann Dagdigian

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CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Alexander P. Glover, Chairman of School Board

AMERICA

Audience, Senior Class and Band

BENEDICTION—Rev. William Gunter

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Marion Elizabeth Anderson	Donald B. Kimball
Rose Marie Anderson	Walter B. Kimball, Jr.
Kenneth Clayton Balsor	Edmund F. Knowles
Marilyn Reed Batchelder	Barbara L. Laughton
Robert M. Batchelder	Nancy Lawson
Sally Erline Benson	Mary Elizabeth Leach
Thomas W. Berry	George A. Lothian
Lois Blake	Lucy M. Lucci
Robert Frederick Brown	Mary N. Lucci
William J. Brown, Jr.	Wallace Macdonald
Gladys M. Buck	Douglas Kimball MacLeod
Alfred L. Butler, Jr.	Eleanor Elaine MacLeod
Margaret Campbell	Luther D. MacLeod
David Leonard Castine	Robert D. Marston
Kenneth W. Castine	Joseph Edward Martin, Jr.
Wilbur F. Castine, Jr.	Betty Anne McCabe
Marion Gertrude Caulk	James P. McDonough
Chester A. Chabot, Jr.	Margaret E. McLean
Nancy Elaine Chapman	Herbert N. McSheehy
Jean Shirley Chase	Karl W. Mecewitz
Warren F. Clancy	Helen Mentus
Eleanor Ann Cole	Gordon F. Messier
Mary Lou Conron	Henry J. Meuse, Jr.
Dorothy E. Coolidge	Kathleen Meuse
Charlotte Ann Crawford	Nita Michelini
Robert MacKay Crosby	Donald Milton, Jr.
Howard W. Crowell	Ralph Chester Monegan, Jr.
Richard Stockton Crowell	Kenneth James Monty
Elisabeth Ann Dagdigian	Patricia A. Moody
Barbara Ann Dalton	John V. Morookian
Diane Decker	Franklin Emery Munnis
Daniel Kevin Desmond	Barbara Ann Murphy
Paul A. Desmond	Marjorie Lois Nickerson
Ralph Elmer Dodge	Elsie Marion Nilson
Paul Edward Doucette	Ann Veronica O'Keeffe
Raymond J. Doucette	Richard F. Perley
William J. Doucette	Carole E. Powers

Edward Downs
Kenneth Douglas Downs
Richard D. Duggan
Barbara Ann Dulong
Marianne Dunn
Leonard Dyer
John Francis Edmonson
Dolly Eisenhaure
Myron G. Eisenhaure
Margaret Ellison
Richard Dean Evans
William Anthony Evans
Lyman Fancy
Roy R. Farr
Robert A. P. Fitzgerald
Richard L. Flanders
Beverly H. Flater
Cynthia Alice Flood
Bertha M. Foster
Frank Richard Foster
M. Carol Fulton
Louise Sara Gaffney
DeMelle C. Garey
Jacquelyn E. Goding
Paul Everett Grant
Glenna Winifred Gullam
Elizabeth Hallock
Alice Halloran
Homer Richard Harding
Robert Edward Harrington
Marilyn Hatch
Janet Louise Higgins
Edward Joseph Hrynowsky
Philip George Hunt
Clarice Irene Jacobs
Marguerite Grace Jehu
Kenneth Milton Jones
Coleman L. Kempton

Lorraine Marie Raymond
H. Richard Reed
Muriel Anne Reed
Dominic Rigione
Shirley Marie Rivers
Claire Roberts
Herbert John Robertson
Albert Chester Robinson, Jr.
William H. Rodgers
Ruth Elisabeth Ruggles
Dorothy E. Sherrod
Dianne Shulkey
Robert Vernon Sillars
Catherine Slack
Emery Smith
Carol Spaulding
Alice May Sprague
E. Thomas Stafford
Pauline Gertrude Stephens
McLeod C. Stewart
James Leonard Surette
Peter E. Surette
Mary Stuart Teel
Anne Thompson
Viola M. Tompkins
Sally Viall
Helen E. Walkup
Dorothy Ruth Washburn
Barbara Watson
Lawrence S. Webster
Joan Marie Wellings
Alfred Hanson Wheeler
Walter Francis White
Dorothea Rowena Whitton
Marcia Wilson
Edward Charles Wright
Dorothy Marie Zanni
John Jack Zeytoonian

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

The report of the Inspector of Wires is hereby submitted.

Notices have been received of the following electrical work:

Additions to existing wiring ..	118	Laundry Machine and dryer ..	1
Aid conditioning units	2	Mangles	1
Alterations to existing wiring ..	9	Motors	9
Barns wired	2	Offices	1
Corrections made to wiring ..	32	Oil burners (power)	162
Damper regulators	1	Ranges	25
Dishwashers	2	Refrigeration	13
Dwellings (New)	131	Repairs to old wiring	5
Dwellings (Old rewired)	2	Repairs after fire damage	4
Freezing units	1	Repairs after lightning damage	4
Garages	2	Roadside stands	1
Garbage disposal units	2	Services (replaced)	33
Gasoline pumps	9	Services (temporary)	10
Generators (gasoline driven) .	2	Shops	2
Greenhouses	1	Signs	3
Gas heat controls	30	Stokers	4
Heat Regulators	2	Ventilating fans	5
Henhouses	2	Water heaters	20
		Water pumps	5

The cooperation of the electricians has been appreciated and there has been very few cases where changes were necessary in work done. But there were several cases where existing wiring, installed by amateurs, has been condemned.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES,

Inspector of Wires

Status Quo

Annual Report of

Public Library Trustees

In the town reports for 1945 and 1946 the Trustees of the Public Library have shown clearly the need for more storage space for books and records but there have been uncontrollable factors in the way of progress along that line. We are thus able to make our 1947 report quite brief.

A visit to the Library would demonstrate to any keen observer the constant demands that face the Library staff. We, therefore, still point to the plans for expansion as a present necessity and (when completed) as adequate to care for a half-century of growth. When the townspeople sense this need and ask for action, the developed plans still will be suitable; but it is to be hoped that this awakening may take place in the not too distant future.

Sufficient evidence describing the cramped conditions under which the Library operates, and the architect's plans for relieving the situation have been portrayed in the two previous annual reports. Until the townspeople fully realize the absolute need for expansion at the Library, there is small likelihood of building the required stack room. In the meantime, the Library staff serves the community as efficiently as conditions allow.

The Library staff is woefully underpaid. During the war, one of the five per cent salary increases granted to employees in other town departments was denied in the Library budget. Libraries with circulations similar to Reading's have a much more favorable salary schedule. We believe more careful consideration should be given before the town meeting members refuse a request for adequate pay.

On the recommendation of the librarian we have decided not to take advantage of the Saturday closing. Leisure and cultural interests can be served, in particular, on Saturday. This is in keeping with the policy to do a superior job under inferior conditions of housing and salaries.

Board of Library Trustees

William S. Tonks, Chairman
C. Nelson Bishop
Katherine C. Pierce

Eve F. Henderson, Secretary
Sydney M. Hodson
Neil C. Robinson

Report of Librarian

Salaries, Appropriation — \$7,300.00

Librarian	\$ 2,108.11
Assistants	4,172.78
Janitor	960.68
Janitor, extra work	50.00
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	\$ 7,291.57

Maintenance, Appropriation — \$3,350.00

Fuel, light, water, sewer	\$ 371.87
Telephone	52.26
Printing and supplies	413.85
Maintenance and repairs	140.46
Books and periodicals	2,179.04
Binding	155.43
Miscellaneous	22.17
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	\$ 3,336.98

Balance unexpended and returned to revenue

On salaries	\$ 8.43
On maintenance	13.02

Receipts

Fines collected	\$ 813.72
Fees from out-of-town borrowers	10.50
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Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 824.22

Librarian's Report on Circulation for 1947

Volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1946 27,364

Volumes bought

Adult fiction	293	
Adult non-fiction	310	
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Juvenile fiction	222	
Juvenile non-fiction	120	
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Reference	5	
Gifts	123	
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	1,073	1,073
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Withdrawn during year		28,437
		655
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Total no. volumes, Dec. 31, 1947		27,772
Circulation		
Adult		
Fiction	47,824	
Non-fiction	15,029	
Periodicals	6,529	
		69,382
Juvenile		
Fiction	18,611	
Non-fiction	3,540	
Periodicals	677	
Schools	3,802	
		26,630
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Total circulation in 1947		96,012
Total circulation in 1946		99,501
Loss in 1947		3,489
New borrowers registered		
Adult	413	
Juvenile	267	
Total new borrowers		680
No. days Library open		294
Average daily circulation		
Adult		235.99
Juvenile		90.63
Borrowed from other libraries		26
Loaned to other libraries		20

MEMORIAL BOOKS have been presented to the Library during the year by relatives and friends of late Reading citizens in memory of:

John J. O'Brien

An Ernie Pile Album

Skiing for the Millions

Santa Fe Trail

Norman Rockwell, Illustrator

Scientific Encyclopedia

- Maurice C. Proctor
Gun Collector's Handbook of Values
- Mrs. Arthur Libby
Treasury of English Wildlife
- Ray E. Littlefield
Book of Trout Lore
- Dr. E. D. Richmond
Biography of Harvey Cushing
- Prof. Clark S. Robinson
Look at New England
- Frederick D. B. Ingalls
Churches of Old New England
- Mrs. Alice Symonds
Natural History of the Birds of Eastern and Central America
Encyclopedia of English and American Wildflowers
- Donald L. Tuttle, Jr.
Linden on the Saugus Branch
- Frank L. Edgerley
Philosopher's Quest
Animal Anatomy and Psychology
I Remember Distinctly
- Mrs. Emma A. Burns
Old New England
- Lester Riley
The World's Great Madonnas
Mexican Folkways
Mixed Train Daily
Picture Makers of the Old West
- Arthur S. Cook
Word Finders
- Miss Carrie Blake
Whittling and Wood Carving
- Mrs. Roberta Steele
Handicraft in Wood and Metal
- Robert Stevens
Albert Schweitzer, the Man and His Mind
- William H. Willis
An Old New England Village
- James Earl Ireland
Collier's Photographic History of World War II

TWENTY - SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

for the year ended
December 31, 1947

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Public Works herewith submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

The Board organized with Harold W. Putnam as Chairman and Harmon D. Smith as Secretary. Philip Welch was reappointed Superintendent.

Regularly scheduled meetings were held during the year, as were several special meetings and conferences. Individual members were appointed to and served on special committees.

Public Hearings were advertised and held on street acceptances, sewer extensions, drain easements and pole locations. Acting as the Board of Survey, several hearings were held on proposed housing developments, and for the establishment of lines and grades on existing and proposed private ways and new streets.

Petitions for sewer extensions, storm drains, water mains, granolithic sidewalks, granite curbing, and other services have been filed with the Board, the cost of which greatly exceeds the amount of the usual annual appropriations made for these purposes. The Board, consequently, has tried to install the various utilities requested based on the greatest need and value to the Town. The Board will, in 1948, be able to provide sewers to a greater extent since a bond issue for this purpose has been approved.

Storm water drain requests are continually being received. This presents a serious problem. A large backlog of requests now exists, the estimated cost of which is far in excess of normal yearly appropriations. Unless greater funds are provided for this purpose annually, a point will soon be reached where a sizeable bond issue will be necessary.

A substantial increase in the number of water main extensions and water services was realized in 1947. It is expected that a similar situation will exist in 1948. A number of developments have been started in various locations many of which will require water main extensions plus a substantial number of services in each case.

The attention of the Townspeople is called to the excellent service rendered and the long hours worked by the employees during the snow season. At the time of writing this acknowledgment of service is quite timely. It does not seem necessary to remind you that without the proper supervision by the Superintendent and foremen and the good work

of our chauffeurs who operate the equipment and other workmen doing miscellaneous tasks during regular and extra hours beyond the ordinary call of duty, there would be many a day that we could not pursue our regular routine habits.

Although a street here and there has been cleared a few hours later than we or you thought it should be, we feel that the general conditions during the snow season have been equal to any nearby Town and better than most. Credit for this is not ours but the employees and we are sure that, given proper equipment and reasonable wages, these employees will continue to give you the type of service for which the Town of Reading has many times been complimented.

The Board has endeavored to cooperate with other Town Boards and Departments during the past year and wishes to acknowledge the courtesy, help, and cooperation extended to them by other Town Departments.

On December 1, 1947, a letter of resignation was received from Mr. Wendell P. Davis, to take effect December 31, 1947, due to his change of residence from Reading to Durham, New Hampshire. Mr. Davis was a member of the Board of Public Works from 1936 to date, a period of eleven years, during which time he had served as Chairman for eight years. He also served as Chairman of the Reading Drainage Committee and was a member of several sub-committees of the Board of Public Works. His resignation was accepted with deep regret by the Board. His continuous conscientious service to the Town over a long period merits the praise of the Town. The remaining members of the Board of Public Works commend him to the Town as an example of a fine public spirited citizen always willing to serve the Town in an exceptionally fine manner.

Reference is made to the report of the Superintendent, which follows, for a more detailed account of the activities of the various divisions which comprise the Departments supervised by the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman

HARMON D. SMITH, Secretary

WENDELL P. DAVIS

ALEXANDER LINDSAY

WILLIAM WEBB

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the Twenty-seventh annual report of the Department, including a financial report of each division and a Chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Account:

Appropriation and Transfers

Salaries	\$ 38,100.00
Expenses	42,000.00
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	\$ 80,100.00

1. Office Maintenance:

Payroll	\$ 5,678.83	
Supplies, Printing, Etc.	973.00	
Insurance	1,529.84	
Miscellaneous	119.00	
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		\$ 8,300.67

2. Pumping Station Costs:

Station No. 1 Mill Street

Payroll	\$ 443.13	
Lights, Phone, Fuel, Etc.	67.67	
Repairs	55.40	
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		\$ 566.20

Station No. 2 Strout Avenue

Payroll	\$ 1,717.95	
Lights and Power	6,362.99	
Phone and Fuel	195.96	
Weston and Sampson	353.30	
Misc. Supp. and Repairs	365.34	
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		\$ 8,995.54

Filtration Plant

Payroll	\$ 703.03	\$ 703.03
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3. Well Line:

Payroll	\$ 1,571.49	
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Supp. and Fittings	719.54	
Equip. Rental	162.50	
		\$ 2,453.53
4. Maintenance of Meters:		
Payroll	\$ 2,763.95	
Supplies and Misc.	820.75	
		\$ 3,584.70
5. Maintenance of Service Pipes:		
Payroll	\$ 7,570.49	
Supplies and Misc.	1,326.27	
		\$ 8,896.76
6. Maintenance of Main Pipes:		
Payroll	\$ 362.67	\$ 362.67
7. Garage Maintenance:		
Fuel Oil	\$ 217.04	
Lights and Phone	54.64	
Supplies and Misc.	177.62	
		\$ 449.30
8. Main Pipe Construction:		
Payroll	\$ 6,784.99	
Pipe	6,573.70	
Supplies and Misc.	4,648.31	
		\$ 18,007.00
9. Service Pipe Construction:		
Payroll	\$ 5,549.98	
Pipe	3,213.46	
Supplies and Misc.	4,533.62	
		\$ 13,297.06
10. Meter Construction:		
New Meters	\$ 2,364.60	\$ 2,364.60
11. Hydrant Maintenance and Construction:		
Payroll	\$ 755.39	
Supplies and Misc.	959.92	
		\$ 1,715.31
12. Miscellaneous:		
Payroll — General	\$ 3,588.79	
Supplies and Misc.	450.04	
Road Mach. Acct.	5,573.77	
		\$ 9,612.60

Grand Total Expended	\$ 79,308.97
Balance December 31, 1947	\$ 791.03
Sal. Bal. Dec. 31, 1947	609.31
Exp. Bal. Dec. 31, 1947	181.72

1947 Receipts

Meter Rates including Refunds	\$ 61,140.61
Service Pipe Maintenance	695.53
Service Pipe Construction	4,950.05
Rent	180.00
Hydrant Rentals	375.00
Drinking Fountains	75.00
Sprinklers	21.00
Water Liens	180.79
Miscellaneous	18.00

\$ 67,635.98

Total Cost of Water System from Beginning to Jan. 1, 1947	\$833,703.55
Added 1947	2,364.60
Total Cost Dec. 31, 1947	\$836,068.15

Water Bonds and Interest

There were no bonds or interest due in 1947.

The interest on Serial Bonds in 1948 will be \$112.50, due July 15, 1948.

Rainfall at Hundred-Acre Pumping Station — 1947

Month	Normal Rain- Fall (Inches)	Rainfall in 1947 (Inches)	Excess or Deficiency—1947
January	3.39	3.10	—0.29
February	3.16	1.03	—2.13
March	3.70	3.69	—0.01
April	3.86	4.91	+1.05
May	3.01	3.27	+0.26
June	3.60	2.58	—1.02
July	3.40	5.83	+2.43
August	3.30	1.44	—1.86
September	3.63	3.33	—0.30
October	2.87	0.44	—2.43
November	3.40	6.24	+2.84
December	3.54	4.05	+0.51
Totals	40.86	39.91	—0.95

The average rainfall for Massachusetts, as deduced by the State Department of Public Health from long continued observation in various parts of the Commonwealth, is 44.54 inches.

As may be seen by a table in this report showing the amount of

rainfall for the years 1900-1947 inclusive, the average rainfall at the Reading Hundred Acres Pumping Station No. 2 on Strout Avenue is 40.86 inches.

The rainfall in Reading in 1947 was a deficiency of 4.63 inches compared with the State observation, and a deficiency of .95 inches compared with the Reading Pumping Station observation.

There was a deficiency of rainfall in the months of January, February, March, June, August, September and October of 8.04 inches, and an excess in the months of April, May, July, November and December of 7.09 inches compared each month with an average rainfall at Reading Pumping Station between the years 1900-1947 inclusive.

The greatest amount of rainfall in 1947 for any one month was in November, with a fall of 6.24 inches; in any one day, Wednesday, November 12, 1947, with a fall of 3.33 inches. The year's total rainfall of 39.91 inches was an excess of 1.59 inches over the total rainfall of 1946, which was 38.32 inches.

The elevation of the Hundred Acre Pumping Station No. 2 is approximately eighty feet above sea level.

TABLE SHOWING AMOUNTS OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW—1947

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	.47	.....	.02	.....	.01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	.14	.....	3.03	1.11	.85	.....	.....	.....	1.34	.....	.....	.....
3	.24	.....	.....	.....	.56	.42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	.....	.33	.....	.06	.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	.30	.....	.....	.52	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.09	.55
6	.....	.01	.....	T	.....	T	.....	.01	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	.....	.08	.....	.....	.07	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.60
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.05	.....	.09	.....	.....	.44	.....
9	.....	.....	.06	.04	.....	.....	.11	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	.01	.....	.05	.....	.....	.....	.09	T	.....	.....	.....	.17
11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.28	.....
12	.....	.....	.....	.01	.....	.....	.31	.....	.....	.....	3.33	.....
13	.....	.....	.21	.....	.21	.....	.....	.....	.25	.....	.....	.....
14	.17	.....	.22	.03	.....	.36	.....	.....	.27	.....	.....	.....
15	.34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.72	.....	.....	.31
16	T	T	.....	.48	T	.....	.67	.70	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.03	.....	.03	T	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.02	.....	.....
19	.20	.....	.....	.....	.01	.02	.....	.....	.07	.....	.....	.....
20	.69	.21	.....	1.25	.09	.....	.....	T	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	.....	.40	.....	.10	.09	.....	1.31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.24	.....	1.47	.....	.57	.....	.14	.....
23	T	.....	.01	.....	.01	.....	T	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.10
24	.....	.....	.02	.....	.24	.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.96	.....
25	.....	.....	.02	.31	.50	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	.21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.60	.....	.....	.....	1.30
27	.05	.....	.....	.10	.....	.....	.....	T	.....	.....	.....	.02
28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.01	.....	1.80	.....	.....	.11	.....	.....
29	T	.....	T	T	T	.....	.....	.....	.08	.08	T	.....
30	.28	.....	.....	.90	T	.....	.....	.....	.03	.23	.....	.....
31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.04	.....	.....	T	.....	.....
Monthly Totals	3.10	1.03	3.69	4.91	3.27	2.58	5.83	1.44	3.33	0.44	6.24	4.05
Accum Totals	3.10	4.13	7.82	12.73	16.00	18.58	24.41	25.85	29.18	29.62	35.86	39.91

AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 TO 1947 INCLUSIVE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr'l	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1900.....	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	43.91
1901.....	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902.....	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	0.99	3.60	44.77
1903.....	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.01	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	41.44
1904.....	4.42	2.21	9.00	3.65	0.35	2.65	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905.....	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.13	0.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906.....	2.54	2.63	6.43	2.84	5.14	2.63	1.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.03	42.41
1907.....	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.53	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.60	44.97
1908.....	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.03	1.53	3.09	4.07	0.83	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909.....	4.17	5.83	3.57	2.85	1.97	4.35	1.93	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.03	2.66	40.10
1910.....	4.54	1.53	3.12	3.82	1.19	2.43	3.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911.....	2.65	2.94	3.12	1.89	0.67	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.91	2.41	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912.....	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	5.73	0.39	6.44	2.92	3.02	1.95	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913.....	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	0.93	1.68	3.48	3.65	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914.....	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.82	2.76	1.44	2.31	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915.....	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.50	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916.....	1.92	5.37	5.14	5.12	4.59	5.63	3.13	3.70	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917.....	2.92	2.41	4.13	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	2.81	1.46	1.01	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918.....	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.31	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919.....	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.34	0.83	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920.....	2.95	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.91	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921.....	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.43	1.56	4.02	9.79	1.95	1.74	1.57	1.06	3.12	43.15
1922.....	1.77	2.73	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.83	3.29	3.63	2.73	1.67	2.28	45.24
1923.....	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.73	1.93	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924.....	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	3.80	7.95	0.05	2.53	1.52	37.49
1925.....	4.23	2.55	2.95	2.95	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.65	3.91	5.53	46.49
1926.....	2.53	4.14	7.66	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.03	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.89	3.03	33.62
1927.....	2.82	1.30	1.83	1.43	2.97	2.97	3.01	5.28	2.68	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928.....	2.17	3.27	3.43	5.13	2.77	6.93	3.65	2.84	4.13	2.96	2.23	2.57	41.00
1929.....	3.14	3.70	3.49	0.91	3.00	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	3.63	3.63	39.03
1930.....	3.27	2.05	3.29	3.09	3.33	2.19	4.07	4.77	0.70	4.45	1.26	3.72	41.25
1931.....	1.31	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.39	6.47	3.70	4.11	1.97	2.43	5.25	1.29	43.81
1932.....	3.92	1.90	4.83	2.01	1.17	1.27	2.04	4.03	0.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1933.....	3.17	3.46	7.22	3.99	2.32	4.00	1.25	1.73	0.43	3.89	2.03	2.70	39.23
1934.....	3.23	3.29	5.13	3.99	1.84	9.21	2.01	4.13	4.13	1.53	4.26	0.90	37.31
1935.....	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	9.21	2.01	1.98	4.03	0.58	1.27	8.24	46.30
1936.....	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.03	3.43	0.97	4.49	4.15	1.53	5.13	4.80	43.17
1937.....	4.50	1.80	3.21	4.61	3.13	7.73	1.42	3.91	3.94	4.53	5.18	2.85	51.65
1938.....	4.08	2.07	3.12	3.81	2.11	7.13	0.73	2.19	3.93	4.33	1.86	2.85	33.48
1939.....	2.08	3.48	4.00	4.47	2.02	2.77	2.53	3.13	2.45	4.06	0.77	2.92	39.24
1940.....	3.22	4.34	4.65	4.65	3.52	2.41	3.66	3.05	4.59	1.05	2.93	2.73	29.63
1941.....	3.16	1.88	2.51	1.87	2.24	2.09	5.08	1.82	0.58	2.13	2.53	4.03	45.38
1942.....	4.25	2.98	7.20	2.60	3.34	3.19	4.79	1.35	0.67	5.84	4.72	5.01	36.07
1943.....	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	5.54	2.09	4.79	1.35	0.67	2.22	4.43	1.02	43.57
1944.....	2.63	2.26	4.22	3.84	0.83	5.82	2.53	2.83	7.22	2.65	0.03	3.18	43.57
1945.....	2.60	4.40	1.79	2.93	3.07	5.90	3.07	2.83	1.19	2.62	7.77	6.41	38.32
1946.....	3.91	3.06	1.57	2.74	3.27	3.39	1.90	1.61	2.37	0.37	1.02	4.05	39.31
1947.....	3.10	1.03	3.69	4.91	3.27	2.53	5.83	1.44	3.33	0.44	6.24	4.05	39.31
Average.....	3.39	3.16	3.70	3.86	3.01	3.60	3.40	3.30	3.63	2.87	3.40	3.54	40.86

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For Year Ending December 31, 1947

Reading Water Department

Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

General Statistics

Population by census of 1946: 12,327

Date of Construction: 1890, Mill Street; 1931, Grove Street.

By whom owned: Town of Reading.

Sources of Supply: Filter Gallery and Artesian Wells.

Mode of Supply: (Whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

Pumping Statistics

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Machine Co., George F. Blake
Mfg. Co., Platt Iron Works, DeLaval Steam Turbine Co.

Electric Pumps at Grove Street Station

Description of Pumps:

(A) Pumping Unit No. 1 \div 2 — stage 5/4 DeLaval, 75 H.P. 1750
R.P.M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 650 G.P.M.

(B) Pumping Unit No. 2 \div 2 — stage 8/6 DeLaval, 125 H.P. 1750
R.P.M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 1000 G.P.M.

K. W. H. used for year: 353,000.

Power Cost for year: \$6,362.99.

Total Pumpage by Venturi Meter: 268,036,800 Gallons.

Cost of Pumping per million gallons, power only: \$23.07.

Average number gallons pumped per K. W. H.: 759.39.

Cost of pumping figured in Total Pumping Station No. 2 expenses, per
million gallons pumped: \$33.56.

Cost of Filtration, per million Gallons, figured on Filtration Plant ex-
penses: \$2.62.

Total Cost of supply water, per million gallons, figured on Total Main-
tenance, plus interest on bonds: \$185.82.

Average Static Head against which pumps work: 228.

Average Dynamic Head against which pumps work: 258.

Statistics Relating to Distribution Mains

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron.

Sizes: 1¼ inches to 12 inches.

Extended: 750.55 lineal feet of 8", 4,912.10 lineal feet of 6" cast iron pipe,
61.0 feet of 1¼" Cement Lined Pipe — Total extended in 1946 —
5,723.65 lineal feet.

Total in use at present: 54.43 miles (6" to 12").

Cost of Maintenance per mile: \$6.67.

Number of Hydrants added during year: Seven.

Number of Hydrants in use (public and private): 340.

Number of Stop Gates added during year: 14.

Number of Stop Gates now in use: 874.

Number of Stop Gates smaller than 4": 153.

Number of Blow Offs added during year: None.

Number of Blow Offs now in use: 29.

Range of Pressure on Water Mains: 45-90 lbs.

Statistics Relating to Suction Mains

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron.

Sizes of Pipe: 16", 12", 10", 8".

Total Number of Feet in use: 116 feet of 16", 1270 feet of 12", 882 feet
of 10", 3548 feet of 8" — Total = 5816 feet.

Gates in use on Suction Mains: 1-16", 4-12" 1-10", 3-8", 102-2½" Gates.

Wells in Use: Line A—7 Wells, Line B—17 Wells, Line C—11 Wells,
Line D—12 Wells, Line E—15 Wells, Line F—19 Wells,
Line G—8 Wells, Line H—13 Wells, Line I—9 Wells.
Total—111 Wells.

Statistics Relating to Services

Services: Kinds of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead Lined, Cement
Lined, and Copper Tubing.

Sizes: ¾ inch to 6 inch.

Extended: 8,009.50 feet.

Total in use: 46.37 miles.

Number of active service taps added during year: 142.

Number of service taps in use: 2976.

Average length of services installed in 1947: 54.48 feet.

Average cost of water services to owner in 1947: \$36.86.

Number of water meters tested: 448.

Number of water meters repaired: 331.

Number of water meters added: 93.

Number of water meters junked: 3.

Number of water meters now in use: 3436.

YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED-ACRE PUMPING STATION
(January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947)

Month	No. Days	No. Hours	No. Mins.	Gallons Pumped Venturi Meter	Total Head	Power Used K.W.H.	Gallons Per K.W.H.	Rain- fall	Fuel Oil Gals.	1 Daily Average Gallons Pumped
January.....	31	390	45	20,519,200	228	26,600	771.40	3.10	390	661,909
February.....	28	358	45	18,877,900	228	24,600	767.39	1.03	185	674,210
March.....	31	401	45	21,242,200	228	27,500	772.44	3.69	162	685,232
April.....	30	391	..	20,518,900	228	27,000	759.95	4.91	182	683,963
May.....	31	400	30	21,061,500	228	27,600	763.09	3.27	..	679,403
June.....	30	432	30	22,704,400	228	30,000	756.00	2.58	..	756,813
July.....	31	552	30	25,102,800	228	37,800	769.91	5.83	77	938,800
August.....	31	511	15	25,750,900	228	35,000	735.74	1.44	..	830,674
September.....	30	424	30	22,200,400	228	29,500	752.55	3.33	..	740,013
October.....	31	449	..	25,614,100	228	31,400	752.04	0.44	..	761,745
November.....	30	400	15	21,166,200	228	27,900	758.64	6.24	39	629,800
December.....	31	408	30	21,278,300	228	28,100	757.23	4.05	408	686,396
Totals.....	365	5,121	15	268,036,800	228	353,000	759.39	39.91	1,443	734,347

KINDS AND SIZES OF METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1948

Make	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	8"	Totals
Nash.....	1,559	15	18	1	5	3	..	..	..	1,601
Hersey.....	534	11	24	6	9	7	1	1	1	594
Empire.....	358	1	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	365
Gamon.....	182	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	184
Pittsburgh.....	152	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	167
Trident.....	291	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	293
Crown.....	67	2	2	..	3	8	..	..	..	82
Lambert.....	49	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Union.....	43	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	45
Worthington.....	35	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	36
Keystone.....	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	9
Federal.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Thompson.....	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Gem.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals.....	3,281	44	53	17	19	20	3	1	1	3,439

COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE DURING PAST TEN YEARS (1938 to 1947 Inclusive)

Year	Annual Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Average Daily Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Cost per Million Gallons Pumped Figured on Total Maint. and Int. on Bonds	Estimated Population
1938	213,853,400	1,369,000 Inc.	585,900	3,751 Inc.	\$122.24	10,703
1939	245,937,400	32,083,000 Inc.	678,800	87,900 Inc.	106.93	10,703
1940	245,786,000	151,000 Dec.	671,543	2,254 Dec.	99.09	10,861
1941	245,332,500	453,500 Dec.	672,143	597 Inc.	117.87	10,861
1942	224,146,800	21,185,700 Dec.	614,100	58,043 Dec.	134.07	10,861
1943	229,498,200	5,351,400 Inc.	628,762	14,662 Inc.	142.41	10,861
1944	245,429,500	15,931,300 Inc.	670,217	41,455 Inc.	121.58	10,861
1945	231,453,500	13,946,000 Dec.	634,201	36,016 Dec.	133.01	12,327
1946	258,826,800	27,343,300 Inc.	709,115	74,914 Inc.	159.22	12,327
1947	268,036,800	9,210,000 Inc.	727,413	18,298 Inc.	185.82	12,327

Main Pipe Construction

As anticipated and predicted in the 1946 Annual Report, construction of new residences requiring water main extensions and service connections reached an all-time high in 1947, due to the more plentiful supply of building materials. Many of these new residences were constructed on private ways where no municipal water installation existed, and in fifteen instances, water mains were extended under the 4% guarantee method.

In two instances, existing 1¼" water mains which had become inadequate to properly supply the residences serviced by them were replaced by larger diameter main pipes, on South Street from Main Street Easterly by a 6" main, and on Cross Street from Ash Street to No. 57 Cross Street by an 8" main. A table included in this report illustrates the length, size and location of all main pipe extensions completed in 1947.

As of January 1, 1947, the Reading water distribution system comprises 54.34 miles of water mains in sizes 6" to 12", besides other mains of smaller sizes.

1947 Main Water Pipe Extensions

Street	Section	8"	6"	1¼"	Hydrants Total	
					Set	Length
Barrows Rd. — Lowell St. Estly.			130.00		1	130.00
South St. — Main St. Estly.			954.50		1	954.50
Willard Rd. — Main St. to Pearl St.			491.90		1	491.90
Pearl St. — Near Willard Rd.			119.80			119.80
Bradford Rd. — Lowell St. Wstly. ..			217.40			217.40
Fielding Rd. — Lowell St. Wstly. ..			295.00		1	295.00
Rice Road — Forest St. Sthly.			122.80			122.80
Plymouth Rd. — From No. 16 Wstly.			349.40		1	349.40
Boyce St. — Pratt St. to Summer Ave.			533.00		1	533.00
Cross St. — Ash St. to No. 57 Cross		750.55			1	750.55
Hillside Rd. — From No. 34 Wstly.			85.00			85.00
Eaton St. — Green St. Sthly.			311.00			311.00
Lakeview Rd. — Eaton St. Estly ...				61.00		61.00
Walnut St. — 251 Walnut St. Sthly.			177.50			177.50
Winslow Rd. — West St. Wstly.			354.00			354.00
Parkman Rd. — Lowell St. Estly. ..			259.00			259.00
Charles St. — Haverhill St. Sthly. ..			473.30			473.30
Coolidge Rd. — Springvale Rd. Nthly.			38.50			38.50
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Totals		750.55	4,912.10	61.00	7	5,723.65

Main Pipe Maintenance

Two main water pipe breaks occurred during the year, both caused by blasting ledge in sewer construction trenches. On Summer Avenue, between Boyce (Private) Street and Woburn Street, two lengths of 8" main were broken. This main, laid fifty odd years ago, was resting directly on the ledge with no gravel or sand cushion. Main gates at Woburn and Summer and at Prescott and Summer shut off the section of Summer Avenue affected, leaving eight dwelling houses, including one rest home, without town water service. As much ledge in the new sewer trench remained to be blasted, temporary water service was given these eight houses with the co-operation of the Fire Department, by taking water from a hose nozzle on a fire hydrant at Prescott and Pratt Streets, and attaching garden hoses to house sillcocks, back-flowing water into the houses. Repair crews worked diligently days and evenings to remove the ledge, finally laying two new lengths of 8" water mains replacing the broken sections. When the repairs had been completed, the mains were sterilized with HTH, a commercial disinfectant, drained, flushed and turned back in service.

The other main break also occurred during blasting of trench ledge on a sewer extension on High Street, between Mt. Vernon Street and Middlesex Avenue. This break was repaired and the main put back in service the same day the break occurred.

Service Pipe Construction and Maintenance

New water service installation set an all-time record in 1947, exceeding by seven the former high made in 1941. Two of these services were installed to newly-erected commercial garages, and one hundred forty were to newly-erected dwelling houses. The 142 new services totaled 8,009.50 feet, an average length of 54.48 feet and an average cost of individual service to owner of \$36.86. As of January 1, 1948, there are 46.37 miles of service pipe in use in the water distribution system, comprising 2,976 individual service taps, in sizes ranging from 3/4" to 6".

Leaks developed in the average number of service pipes during the year, from various causes. Failures of services installed in the 1800-1900 period are increasing, and are being replaced with new cement-lined service pipe. Cellar shut-off failure also is increasing, and the old shut-offs are being replaced with hand-wheel valves.

Rodding of partially clogged service pipes to increase volume of water delivered to dwelling houses was continued, and in several instances old services were replaced in whole or part.

Meter Maintenance

Meter Maintenance required more attention than normal for various causes, a total of 448 water meters being removed by the Meter Department for testing, repairs, and overhaul. Of these, 331 meters were dismantled, cleaned, repaired and tested before being reinstalled.

Three meters were found beyond repair, junked and replaced with new meters, and 93 new meters were added, for the most part being placed in new dwelling houses. There are now 3,436 water meters in use in the water distribution system.

By the installation on a number of water services of the Meter Master leak detector, several instances of excessive water usage, leaky plumbing fixtures, etc., were discovered and brought to the attention of property owners.

Fire Hydrants

Seven new fire hydrants were installed on water main extensions, in most instances for fire protection in new housing developments, the two exceptions being on South Street and Cross Street, where in the past 1½" mains had prohibited the use of fire hydrants.

Two hydrants were broken by vehicles during the year, with small water loss. The annual inspection of fire hydrants was accomplished, and some minor defects corrected. During the near-disastrous forest fires which raged in Reading in October, 1947, fire departments from as far away as Nashua, New Hampshire and Boston, Mass. assisted the Reading Fire Department in combatting them, and all fire hydrants used were found in good working condition.

Driven Well System

One new suction main, including nine driven wells, was installed during the early fall. This suction main is located in an excellent water-bearing gravel strata paralleling Strout Avenue, in a section which has never been flooded by the overflow from the Ipswich River. Tests made on each of the nine driven wells proved the water to be of excellent quantity, low in iron content and color. Provisions were made for a new suction main installation in 1948 in this same area.

All wells in the collection system were inspected during the year, air-tested for possible leaks, spudded and cleaned, and any wells or connections to suction mains found to have defects repaired, new sweep-tees, nipples and well-leads being installed in several instances. Certain wells found to deliver water containing excessive iron, or water of high color, were shut off from the collection system.

Filtration Plant

The filtration plant operated efficiently throughout the year, a total of 268,036,800 gallons of raw water direct from the tubular wells, averaging 734,347 gallons per day having been aerated, filtered and delivered to the clear water basin. Tables included in this report made in the laboratory of Weston and Sampson, Consulting Engineers, show the results obtained by aeration and filtration.

Sand Filter No. 1 was raked twice and scraped three times: Sand Filter No. 2, raked twice and scraped three times during the year. The new 12" sand blanket installed in each filter in 1946 produced satisfactory results, in the removal of iron hydrates. Other maintenance work on the Filter Plant was confined to cleaning and brushing the vertical aerator tubes, and reaming the tube caps.

Standpipes

No major repair or maintenance work was required on either standpipe during 1947.

PUMPING STATIONS

Hundred Acre Pumping Station

Hundred Acre Pumping Station operated daily through the year, averaging 14 hours of operation daily, and delivered 268,036,800 gallons of raw water direct from the tubular wells to the Filtration Plant and filtered water to the distribution mains, averaging 734,347 gallons per day, at a cost of pumping figured on total pumping station expenses of \$33.56 per million gallons pumped. The greatest amount pumped in any one day was on Monday, July 14, 1947, with a total pumpage of 1,250,000 gallons: in any one week, from July 12 to 18 inclusive, with a total pumpage of 7,176,300 gallons. The 75 H.P. high lift pump was in operation for a total of 5118.25 hours during the year, and the 125 H.P. high lift pump in operation for a total of 3 hours.

Six interruptions of electric power supply occurred during the year, all due to electric and wind storms. The longest interruption occurred on Wednesday, July 16, when lightning scored a direct hit on a primary wire at the station, causing a four hour shut-down. The Municipal Light Department re-wired from the fuse blocks to the transformers to repair the damage.

On Thursday, October 23, during the forest fire period, caused by extreme drouth, two fires became out of control in Reading; one off Main Street and one off West Street, necessitating calling outside Fire

Departments from as far away as Boston and Nashua, New Hampshire. During this period, the rate of pumpage was increased to offset the heavy draft of the many fire pumping engines that were in service extinguishing the fires.

Daily readings of the test well at Hundred Acres well field proved the ground water supply to be holding at normal even during the drouth period, when many other communities were threatened with shortages of Municipal Water Supply.

Mill Street Pumping Station

Mill Street Pumping Station was kept in readiness for possible emergency use during the year, but was not actively operated. The vote of the town authorizing the sale of machinery and equipment at this station at the March, 1946, Town Meeting has not yet been carried out, due to lack of suitable bids for same. The building has, however been used extensively for storage purposes to relieve congestion at the Municipal Garage, and to facilitate use of a large double door in the South wall of the boiler room, a gravel driveway was constructed from the present driveway.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department:

Appropriations voted in March Town Meeting:

1. Highway Maintenance and Construction		
Salaries	\$	32,500.00
Expenses		29,500.00
2. Removal of Snow and Ice		
Salaries		11,000.00
Expenses		9,000.00
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains		
Salaries		3,000.00
Expenses		2,600.00
4. Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance		
Salaries		7,400.00
Expenses		2,400.00

5.	Development of Storm Water Drains		
	Salaries		5,800.00
	Expenses		3,800.00
6.	Care of Dumps		
	Salaries		2,400.00
	Expenses		200.00
7.	Construction of West Hill Circle		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946		1,084.06
8.	Construction of Wescroft Road		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946		2,350.90
9.	Construction of Springvale Road		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946		412.24
10.	Construction of Harvard Street		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946		351.20
11.	Construction of Mineral Street Bridge		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946		250.00
12.	Construction of George and Curtis Streets		
	Salaries		4,000.00
	Expenses		5,535.00
13.	Development Committee		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946		257.15
14.	Post War Planning		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946		1,332.62
15.	Chapter 90 Maintenance		
	Transferred from Highway Dept.	\$ 500.00	
	Transferred from E and D	1,000.00	
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			1,500.00
16.	Road Machinery Fund		
	Transferred from Road Mach. Acct. ...	20,000.00	
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946	1,281.49	
	Refund Over Payment	9.50	
	Transferred from Road Mach. Acct.		
	Oct. 27, 1947	2,000.00	
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			23,290.99
17.	Chapter 90 Construction, Lowell St.		
	Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
	Transferred from E. and D. Acct.	15,000.00	
	Transferred from Chap. 90 Charles St. ..	4,500.00	
	Bal. Fwd. from 1946	3,005.31	
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			23,005.31

18. Voted at Special Town Meeting Oct. 27, 1947, Snow and Ice	
Salaries	1,200.00
Expenses	300.00
Voted at Special Town Meeting Dec. 22, 1947, Snow and Ice	
Salaries	2,200.00
Expenses	1,800.00
19. Municipal Garage	
Bal. Fwd. from 1946	24,730.40
20. Special Drainage Installation	
Bal. Fwd. from 1946	1,050.00
21. Federal Works Agency Acct.	300.00
Grand Total	<u>\$205,350.44</u>

Expenditures and Balances of the Above Appropriations:

Item

1. Highway Maintenance and Construction	
Salaries	\$ 32,500.00
Expenses	29,500.00
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Expended:	
Pay Roll	\$ 31,312.47
Road Material	\$ 12,318.23
C-90 Maint.	500.00
Supplies and Tools	2,935.41
Road Machinery Acct.	7,586.19
Curbing	2,385.41
Misc.	3,167.10
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 28,892.34</u>
Balance Unexpended Salaries	1,187.53
Balance Unexpended Expenses	608.23
2. Removal of Snow and Ice Appro. Salaries	11,000.00
18. Voted at Special Town Meeting 10/27/47, Salaries	1,200.00
Voted at Special Town Meeting 12/22/47, Salaries	2,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	500.00
Appro., Expenses	\$ 9,000.00
Voted at Special Town Meeting 10/27/47, Expenses	300.00
Voted at Special Town Meeting 12/22/47, Expenses	1,800.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund, Expenses	300.00

Expended:	
Pay Roll	\$ 13,592.09
Plowing and Hauling	\$ 2,906.71
Repairs and Supplies	5,590.71
Road Machinery Acct.	2,078.82
Misc.	268.85
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Total Expenses	\$ 10,845.09
Balance Unexpended Salaries	\$ 1,307.91
Balance Unexpended Expenses	554.91
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains	
Salaries	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses	2,600.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll	\$ 2,813.99
Road Machinery Acct.	\$ 910.54
Cleaning Catch Basins	932.00
Supplies and Misc.	465.96
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Total Expenses	\$ 2,308.50
Balance Unexpended Salaries	\$ 186.01
Balance Unexpended Expenses	291.50
4. Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance	
Salaries	\$ 7,400.00
Expenses	2,400.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll	\$ 7,397.29
Supplies and Misc.	2,397.86
Balance Unexpended Salaries	\$ 2.71
Balance Unexpended Expenses	2.14
5. Development of Storm Water Drainage	
Salaries	\$ 5,800.00
Expenses	3,800.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll	\$ 5,800.00
Pipe	\$ 1,791.05
Road Machinery Acct.	619.88
Supplies and Misc.	1,386.74
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Total Expenses	\$ 3,797.67
Balance Unexpended Salaries.....	.00
Balance Unexpended Expenses	2.33

6. Care of Dumps		
Salaries	\$	2,400.00
Expenses		200.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	\$	2,400.00
Materials		198.97
Balance Unexpended Salaries .....		.00
Balance Unexpended Expenses		1.03
7. Construction of West Hill Circle		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	1,084.06
Expended:		
Pay Roll	\$	680.96
Supp. and Misc.		186.20
Total Expended	\$	867.16
Balance Unexpended	\$	216.90
8. Construction of Wescroft Road		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	2,350.90
Expended:		
Supplies		75.48
Balance Unexpended	\$	2,275.42
9. Construction of Springvale Road		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	412.24
Expended:		
Pay Roll	\$	61.33
Total Expended	\$	61.33
Balance Unexpended	\$	350.91
10. Construction of Harvard Street		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	350.20
No Expenditures in 1947		
11. Construction of Mineral Street Bridge		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	250.00
No Expenditures in 1947		
12. Construction of George and Curtis Street		
Salaries	\$	4,000.00
Expenses		5,535.00
No Expenditures in 1947		

13. Development Committee		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	257.15
Expended:		
Misc.	\$	219.00
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Total Expended	\$	219.00
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Balance Unexpended	\$	38.15
14. Post War Planning		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	1,332.62
Expended:		
Pay Roll	\$	657.32
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Total Expended	\$	657.32
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Balance Unexpended	\$	675.30
15. Chap. 90 Maintenance		
Trans. from Highway Dept.	\$	500.00
Trans. from E and D Acct.		1,000.00
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	\$	1,500.00
Pay Roll	\$	702.99
Road Material		683.01
Road Mach. Acct.		114.00
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Total Expended	\$	1,500.00
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Balance Unexpended00
16. Road Machinery Fund		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	1,281.49
Trans. from Rd. Mach. Acct.		20,000.00
Refund Overpayment		9.50
Trans. from Rd. Mach. Acct.		2,000.00
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	\$	23,290.99
Expended:		
Repairs, Gasoline and New Equip.	\$	23,108.81
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Balance Unexpended	\$	182.18

17. Chap. 90 Lowell Street		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	3,005.31
Trans. from E and D Acct.		15,000.00
Trans. from C. 90 Charles St.		4,500.00
Appropriation		500.00
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	\$	23,005.31
Expended:		
Payroll	\$	2,604.92
Road Mach. Acct.		1,076.31
Pipe, Supplies, etc.		4,540.67
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Total Expended	\$	8,221.90
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Balance Unexpended	\$	14,783.41
19. Municipal Garage		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	24,730.40
Expended:		
Architect's fee (partial) and postage		551.51
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Balance Unexpended	\$	24,178.89
20. Special Drainage Installation		
Balance forward from 1946	\$	1,050.00
No Expenditures in 1947		
21. Federal Works Agency	\$	300.00
No Expenditures in 1947		

Totals

Item	Appro. and Transfers	Expended	Balance
1.	\$ 62,000.57	\$ 60,204.81	\$ 1,795.76
2-17.	26,300.00	24,437.18	1,862.82
3.	5,600.00	5,122.49	477.51
4.	9,800.00	9,795.15	4.85
5.	9,600.00	9,597.67	2.33
6.	2,600.00	2,598.97	1.03
7.	1,084.06	867.16	216.90
8.	2,350.90	75.48	2,275.42
9.	412.24	61.33	350.91
10.	351.20	None	351.20
11.	250.00	None	250.00

12.	9,535.00	None	9,535.00
13.	257.15	219.00	38.15
14.	1,332.62	657.32	675.30
15.	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00
16.	23,290.99	23,108.81	182.18
17.	23,005.31	8,221.90	14,783.41
18.	24,730.40	551.51	24,178.89
19.	1,050.00	None	1,050.00
20.	300.00	None	300.00
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	\$205,350.44	\$147,018.78	\$ 58,331.66

Highway Department

Again in 1947, as in the past few years, the Department was handicapped by its inability to hire qualified workmen. Such labor as was available was of poor quality, unstable in nature and insufficient in number. The main trouble is, of course, the inability of the Department to pay salaries comparative to those paid by private industry. A salary schedule should be established which will place the Department in a competitive position in the labor market. This would actually be an economical procedure as it would then be possible for the Department to maintain a higher degree of efficiency per man by hiring better qualified personnel and by reducing the turnover of employees. Every effort was made to make up the deficiency in labor by mechanical means.

Again, as in previous years, many more requests for particular services were received than could be furnished. This is particularly true in relation to storm drains and granolithic sidewalks. Many requests are now on file for these services. The estimated cost is much in excess of yearly appropriations. This condition will worsen as the Town develops. Larger yearly appropriations are required. Otherwise the situation will reach the point where large Bond Issues will be necessary.

A somewhat detailed account of the work accomplished in the Highway Divisions follows herewith:

Snow and Ice

Twenty snow storms were recorded in Reading during 1947, eight of which were under 1" depth, three were under 2" depth, and seven of which were from 4" to 20" in depth and required plowing. The following table includes only the seven storms requiring highway snow-plowing:

Recorded Snowfall—1947

Date	Snowfall (inches)	Temp.	Wind Direction	Force	Remarks
Jan. 1	8	18	N.W.	Light	Light and Fine
Jan. 5	6	22	N.E.	Light	Light and Fine
Feb. 20-21	12	20	N.N.E.	Moderate	Granular
Dec. 5-7	5½	28	North	Light	Medium Heavy
Dec. 10	4	26	N.W.	Light	Medium Light
Dec. 23-24	18	22	N.E.	Moderate	Light and Fine
Dec. 26-27-28	20	20	N.E.	Moderate	Medium Light

Total 73½ inches

During the early months of 1947 (January and February) only three plowable snow storms occurred, and no difficulty was experienced in highway snow-plowing. Light accumulations of snow were interspersed with the heavy plowable snowfall and necessitated much highway sanding during the months of January, February and March. The month of December, however, was a far different proposition. Snow started early in the month, and coupled with continued cold weather, settled down for an "Old Fashioned Winter" which to date of writing this report has exceeded in total inches of snowfall, all existing records. For the most part the snow storms in December were easily handled, but with the continued accumulation of snow in the early part of 1948, and continuous cold weather, the task becomes more difficult and involved.

Departmental snow-fighting equipment was augmented by several hired privately owned units: ie: Three five-ton trucks, one plow-mounted truck—(tractor-trailer type), two 1½ ton trucks, and three tractors.

The snow loader continued to be of utmost value in snow removal work, and has suffered no major mechanical breakdowns. Such cannot be said regarding trucks and crawler-type tractors. For the most part, departmental trucks and tractors are old and obsolete, and heavy snow-plowing work magnifies their defects and causes many breakdowns. When this occurs, other units must be taken from their plow-routes to cover-in on the route of the failed unit, upsetting the plowing schedule and resulting in delayed plow service. A planned program of equipment replacement should be instituted at once and strictly adhered to.

General Highway Maintenance

Road maintenance programs were established and executed with efforts to make the available funds cover the most street surface in an effective manner. Although the spring thaws caused some damage to streets, it was less than in previous years although serious on many streets where inadequate drainage exists. The amount of available

funds did not permit as much street surfacing to be done as was desired and necessary.

Much road patching was necessary. This was accomplished mostly with commercial patching. Very little patch was mixed by the Department due to a continuous shortage of labor.

The annual spring sweeping and cleaning of streets and gutters was accomplished as usual. A heavy deposit of sand from winter operations was encountered. To expedite this work, an Elgin street sweeper was hired as was a Case Tractor with front end bucket. The Department Roto-Sweeper was also used. These three units permitted the work to be done with a minimum of hand labor.

Brush was cut from roadsides during the early spring and late fall months.

Many street signs were made, lettered and hung by Department employees. This type of work was done mainly during inclement weather so that it would not interfere with other work which must necessarily be done during good weather.

Many other tasks were accomplished by this division such as, installing granite curbs, sharpening and repairing tools, repairing equipment, surveys for current and future operations, crushing gravel, repairing guard rails, etc.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Chapter 90 Maintenance work, made possible by funds allotted by the State, County and Town, was accomplished on certain well travelled roads. The work consisted of surface treatments of a varied nature, patching holes, replacing spalled stone pavement, repairing guard rails, etc.

Chapter 90 Construction

Chapter 90 Construction work was accomplished only on Lowell Street between Winthrop Avenue and Highland Street. Again the funds for the work are allotted by the State, County and Town. Part of the 1947 Contract work still remains to be done. All work of an underground nature has been completed but the surfacing still remains to be done. It will be completed in 1948.

Chapter 83 Construction (Street Betterments)

Some work was accomplished under this heading. In the main, however, it was necessary, due to the lack of laborers, to postpone much of the work to 1948. One street, West Hill Circle, was completed. Accepted in 1941, this street was a war-time hold-over due to scarcity of materials and labor.

Granolithic Sidewalk Construction

Many individual granolithic sidewalks were installed in 1947, each being installed at the request of the abutting property owner under the Betterment Act with the owner and the Town each paying one half of the cost. 2,179.31 feet of Granolithic Sidewalk was installed in 1947.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Much work was done maintaining both gravel and granolithic sidewalks. Many new gravel sidewalks were built in front of newly constructed houses.

Granite Curbing

1,257.4 lineal feet of granite curbing was installed at various locations upon application from abutting property owners under the provisions of the Betterment Act. Corner radius curbing was installed in several locations where conditions warranted.

Storm Water Drains

A total of 2,062.25 lineal feet of storm water drainage was installed plus the necessary catch basins and manholes. All were installed to relieve conditions which had been causing damage, irritation and inconvenience to many abutters as well as to improve the travelling conditions on many roads where the accumulations of water in the summer and ice in the winter had created dangerous driving conditions.

Maintenance of Storm Water Drains

Many existing drains were rodded and flushed. Where necessary, plugged drains were excavated and cleaned. In some instances, sections of drains were relaid. Many open ditches were cleaned, widened and deepened.

Catch basins and manholes were cleaned in the fall months by means of a rented Catch Basin Cleaning Machine plus one departmental truck.

Heavy rainfall occurred during the year on two or three occasions causing many ditches and drains to overflow due to inadequate carrying capacity.

The Quannapowitt Drain System, although not yet completed, continued to function well.

Dumps

The public dump on John Street was maintained during the year, with a caretaker on duty during scheduled hours. The area was also leveled regularly with a bulldozer. As the practice of using various roadside dumps throughout the Town subsides, the amount of rubbish brought to the dump increases. The great majority of the people using the dump co-operate willingly with the caretaker. A few, however, refuse to co-operate. These few make the job of keeping the dump in fair condition much harder and more expensive than is necessary.

PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

Appropriation

Salaries	\$ 6,000.00
Expenses	\$ 2,500.00

Expended:

Memorial Park

Pay Roll	\$ 951.61
Supplies	6.50

Leach Park

Pay Roll	\$ 217.23
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Skating Rinks

Pay Roll	\$ 521.43
Lights and Supplies	85.49

Commons

Pay Roll	\$ 541.47
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Washington St.

Pay Roll	\$ 1,681.71
Supplies	238.40

Birch Meadow

Pay Roll	\$ 1,618.32
Lights and Supplies	323.55

Miscellaneous

Pay Roll	\$	414.06
Rd. Mach. Acct	\$	1,061.13
Supplies and Misc.		757.79
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	\$	1,818.92

Total Expended:

Salaries	\$	5,945.83
Expenses		2,472.86
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Balance Unexpended:

Salaries	\$	54.17
Expenses		27.14

PARK DEPARTMENT

Parks and playgrounds were popular throughout the year. Many leagues were organized. These included baseball, softball, hockey and others. All parks were in constant use but the Washington Street Park ballfield received particularly heavy use.

As usual the Park Appropriation was only sufficient to cover the maintenance of the Parks. Consequently, no major improvements were possible and no new equipment was purchased.

Organized recreation programs were provided in all playgrounds during the Summer months by the Recreation Committee. This Department cooperated with the Recreation Committee to the fullest extent possible.

The report of the Recreation Committee is included in the annual town report, and should be studied by Townspeople for a more detailed account of the excellent results obtained by this program.

Additional areas were filled in Birch Meadow with excess material from various construction jobs. The area now filled has reached the point where it may, for a relatively small expenditure, be made available for recreational purposes. Funds should be made available for this purpose.

The area leased to the Town by Mr. Allan Sturges for a Winter Sports Center was again very popular. The area abutting Walnut Street has been leased to the Town, at no cost, for several years. The Town certainly owes Mr. Sturges a vote of thanks for his public spirited action.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:
Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department:

Construction and Maintenance Account

Appropriation		
Salaries		\$ 9,000.00
Expenses		11,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	\$ 8,706.43	
Interest on Bonds	\$ 330.00	
Insurance	725.10	
Road Machinery Acct.	2,294.64	
Supp. and Misc.	6,890.36	
Equip. Rental	517.50	
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Total Expenses	\$ 10,757.60	
Balance Unexpended, Salaries		\$ 293.57
Balance Unexpended, Expenses		242.40

House Connection Account

Appropriation		
Salaries		\$ 3,700.00
Tr. from Reserve Fund		1,000.00
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		\$ 4,700.00
Expenses		1,100.00
Tr. from Reserve Fund		500.00
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		\$ 1,600.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	\$ 4,692.50	
Pipe, Supp. and Misc.	1,592.05	
Balance Unexpended, Salaries		\$ 7.50
Balance Unexpended, Expenses		\$ 7.95

MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSION

Main Trunk sewer extensions were installed in five streets, totalling 1,455.00 feet in length and making possible twenty-eight house connections. In December, the Town Meeting authorized a bond issue of \$65,000.00 for sewer extensions. This will enable the Department to furnish sewers in many locations where cesspool troubles have been prevalent for many years.

The following table illustrates main trunk sewer extensions in 1947, by street:

MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSIONS—1947

Location	Size and Length of Pipe			Man		Total Len.		
	8"V.C.	6"V.C.	6"C.I.	Tees	Holes	Y's	Pipe Only	Possible Conn.
Boyce St.	516.87				2	14	516.87	14
Elliott St.	93.00				1	1	93.00	1
High St.	431.47				2	6	431.47	6
John St.		82.00				2	82.00	2
Lowell St.		101.16				2	101.16	2
Summer Ave.	54.50		176.00	2	1	1	230.50	3
Totals	1095.84	183.16	176.00	2	6	26	1455.00	28

Sewer Maintenance

Many trunk sewers were cleaned and flushed to prevent stoppages. Manholes were maintained and covers were packed to prevent noisy conditions. No stoppages occurred during 1947 in main trunk sewers.

Sewer House Connections

Fifty-one new sewer connections were completed in 1947, having a total length of 3,149.80 feet, an average length of 61.76 feet and at an average cost to the individual property owner of \$69.55 per connection. Five of the sewer connections were installed on a cash deposit basis, and forty-six under the provisions of the Sewer Betterment Act which requires no initial deposit and permits payments to be extended over a period of years. Thirty-nine of the connections were made to existing dwellings on sewerred streets, nine to newly erected dwelling houses one to a newly erected garage, one to an existing store, and one to an existing manufacturing establishment.

As of January 1, 1948, there are in the area serviced by the Reading Sewer System, 1,048 possible sewer house connections on existing sewerred streets, of which number 841 or 80% are now connected. A majority of the remaining 207 possible sewer house connections will be directly affected by the provisions of Chapter 280, General Laws, Acts of 1937, which became effective July 15, 1938, requiring property owners to connect their estates with the common sewer where sewers were available. The ten-year period of grace cited in said Chapter 280 expires on July 15, 1948.

Sewer House Connection Maintenance

Temporary stoppages occurred in the usual number of cases during the year. Some were due to natural causes such as tree roots growing through joints. Others were caused by the introduction of foreign objects, such as, rags, milk bottles, toys, etc. In the latter case, the owners pay for the cost of the service.

STREETS

Street	Possible Con- nections	Completed Con- nections	Per Cent Con- nected	No Con- struction Started	Connected to Street Line	Partially Installed to House	Revenue Charged 1947
Arlington.....	12	8	67	1	2	1	\$137.40
Ash.....	14	11	72	3	..	..	187.15
Bancroft.....	29	22	76	7	..	..	263.26
Berkeley.....	27	23	85	4	..	..	220.22
Boyce.....	7	4	56	2	1	..	..
Brook.....	9	5	55	2	..	2	76.13
Center.....	10	10	100	..	..	..	114.77
Chute.....	6	2	33	4	..	..	9.45
Copeland.....	8	8	100	..	..	..	128.80
Deering.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	27.32
Dudley.....	10	8	80	2	..	..	118.20
Eaton.....	12	9	75	3	..	..	36.78
Echo.....	6	4	67	2	..	..	63.83
Elliott.....	9	6	66	3	..	..	94.12
Elm.....	4	2	50	2	..	..	16.56
Fairview.....	9	4	44	5	..	..	2.30
Fremont.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	45.25
Fulton.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	22.79
Gardner.....	10	9	90	1	..	..	82.95
Gilmore.....	2	2	100	..	..	..	53.43
Gould.....	6	6	100	..	..	..	92.67
Green.....	54	47	87	3	1	3	638.06
Harnden.....	9	8	89	..	1	..	122.19
Harrison.....	11	9	80	2	..	..	97.51
Haven.....	46	38	83	1	5	2	790.79
High.....	24	10	42	12	2	..	159.62
Hillcrest.....	10	9	90	1	..	..	138.92
Howard.....	18	18	100	..	..	..	228.36
Ide.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	18.37
John.....	22	20	91	2	..	..	301.66
King.....	6	6	100	..	..	..	92.10
Kingston.....	15	15	100	..	..	..	158.42
Lincoln.....	8	7	88	..	1	..	95.78
Linden.....	13	10	77	2	..	1	228.84
Lowell.....	6	6	100	..	..	..	64.03
Main.....	54	45	83	..	7	2	1,205.22
Maple.....	3	3	100	..	..	..	17.27
Middle.....	3	2	66	1	..	..	12.43
Middlesex.....	24	17	71	5	..	2	306.55
Minot.....	13	11	85	..	..	2	154.98
Mt. Vernon.....	23	19	83	4	..	..	203.85
Orange.....	3	2	67	1	..	..	41.70
Park.....	7	6	86	..	..	1	73.27
Parker.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	120.64
Pearl.....	16	8	50	8	..	..	140.94
Perkins.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	89.83
Pierce.....	2	2	100	..	..	..	71.72
Pine.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	6.00
Pleasant.....	37	32	86	5	..	..	428.57
Pratt.....	8	8	100	..	..	..	92.25
Prescott.....	53	50	94	1	2	..	747.13
Prospect.....	18	16	88	2	..	..	181.91
Salem.....	24	18	75	..	6	..	360.97
Sanborn.....	15	12	80	1	..	2	365.94
School.....	10	8	80	2	..	..	96.80
Scotland.....	3	3	100	..	..	..	27.20
Smith.....	15	15	100	..	..	..	177.20
Summer.....	26	18	69	8	..	..	131.44
Sunnyside.....	5	4	80	1	..	..	15.00
Sweetser.....	5	4	80	..	1	..	38.91
Temple.....	33	19	57	..	8	6	325.71
Union.....	5	3	60	1	..	1	27.95
Village.....	23	19	83	3	..	..	243.15
Warren.....	17	16	94	..	..	1	161.87
Washington.....	44	36	82	8	..	..	400.37
Wenda.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	42.01
Wilson.....	13	11	85	2	..	..	68.62
Woburn.....	87	62	72	3	19	3	950.74
Totals.....	1048	841	80	121	56	30	\$12,256.17

**NGTH OF SEWER CONNECTIONS RUN TO EITHER CURB,
HOUSES, OR CONNECTED—1947**

Street	Curb	Houses	Connected	Total Length
Arlington.....	42.00	46.00	371.50	459.50
Ash.....			596.90	596.90
Bancroft.....			1,081.70	1,081.70
Berkeley.....			1,303.50	1,303.50
Boyce.....			304.20	304.20
Brook.....		85.50	252.60	338.10
Center.....	19.00		406.00	425.00
Chute.....			121.50	121.50
Copeland.....			506.00	506.00
Deering.....			55.50	55.50
Dudley.....			493.00	493.00
Eaton.....			539.60	539.60
Echo.....			197.50	197.50
Elliott.....			404.50	404.50
Elm.....			84.30	84.30
Fairview.....			161.00	161.00
Fremont.....			209.00	209.00
Fulton.....			44.00	44.00
Gardner.....			378.60	378.60
Gilmore.....			81.70	81.70
Gould.....			425.20	425.20
Green.....	36.00	173.00	1,968.91	2,177.91
Harnden.....	32.00		257.80	289.80
Harrison.....			417.40	417.40
Haven.....	176.00	79.00	1,665.70	1,920.70
High.....	22.00		375.00	397.00
Hillcrest.....			570.00	570.00
Howard.....	25.00		1,157.50	1,182.50
Ide.....			56.50	56.50
John.....		37.00	1,193.70	1,230.70
King.....			369.10	369.10
Kingston.....			636.00	636.00
Lincoln.....	44.00		370.00	414.00
Linden.....		41.00	609.20	650.20
Lowell.....			405.00	405.00
Main.....	305.50	99.00	2,291.75	2,696.25
Maple.....			135.60	135.60
Middle.....			80.50	80.50
Middlesex.....		138.00	1,131.29	1,269.29
Minot.....		77.00	510.50	587.50
Mt. Vernon.....			970.50	970.50
Orange.....			123.00	123.00
Park.....		37.00	203.00	245.00
Parker.....			302.50	302.50
Pearl.....			702.70	702.70
Perkins.....			434.80	434.80
Pierce.....			110.20	110.20
Pine.....			46.00	46.00
Pleasant.....	28.00		1,552.80	1,580.80
Pratt.....			642.40	642.40
Prescott.....	68.00	148.00	3,256.80	3,472.80
Prospect.....			1,533.70	1,533.70
Salem.....	173.29		1,078.31	1,251.60
Sanborn.....		98.00	744.90	842.90
School.....			416.40	416.40
Scotland.....			163.00	163.00
Smith.....			602.30	602.30
Summer.....		94.00	1,378.40	1,472.40
Sunnyside.....			222.10	222.10
Sweetser.....	43.00		188.00	231.00
Temple.....	227.00	173.00	1,187.80	1,587.80
Union.....		66.00	177.00	243.00
Village.....		34.00	943.50	980.50
Warren.....	19.40	68.00	633.60	726.00
Washington.....	50.00	22.00	1,672.30	1,744.30
Wenda.....			202.50	202.50
Wilson.....		43.00	523.20	566.20
Woburn.....	318.80	160.50	3,713.10	4,192.40
Totals.....	1,628.99	1,719.00	45,962.87	49,310.86

LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS IN STREETS—1947

Street	5'	8"	8"	10"	12"	15"	18"	20"	24"	Total
Arlington			372.50							372.50
Asht			822.20			258.80				1,081.00
Bancroft		72.50	1,776.70							1,849.20
Barnesley			1,256.10							1,256.10
Bayne			516.87							516.87
Brook								847.00		847.00
Center			620.00							620.00
Chute	101.00		120.00							221.00
Copeland			500.00							500.00
Deering		170.00								170.00
Dudley			374.50							374.50
Extra					622.70	337.70				1,360.40
Fish			571.85	95.40						667.25
Fleet			480.00							480.00
Elcott			282.21							282.21
Elm			480.00							480.00
Fairview			450.50							450.50
Fremont			475.00							475.00
Gardner										
Gloucester	111.00									111.00
Gould			200.00							200.00
Green		170.20	1,717.40			621.00				2,508.60
Harnden			550.00							550.00
Harrison				505.00						505.00
Hawthorn			1,732.50							1,732.50
Hick			401.47	1,338.05	708.10					2,447.62
Hilbert			525.20							525.20
Howard		100.00	1,110.00							1,210.00
Intersecting			205.00					1,722.00		1,927.00
Jordan		100.00	200.00			570.00			175.50	1,045.50
King		240.00	175.00							415.00
Kingston			710.50							710.50
Lincoln				573.40	308.10					1,111.50
Lincoln			704.40	705.00						1,409.40
Lowell		101.10	870.10							971.20
Main			1,290.10		655.50			274.00		2,219.60
Marion			180.00							180.00
Middleton			310.00							310.00
Middleton			1,420.40							1,420.40
Minor			1,400.65							1,400.65
Mt. Vernon			425.52	100.00						525.52
Orange					300.21					300.21
Park			307.20	322.70						630.00
Parker			427.00							427.00
Pearl					160.50					160.50
Perkins			400.00							400.00
Peter			250.10							250.10
Pine			225.00							225.00
Plummer			1,400.80	845.00						2,245.80
Pratt		40.00	770.20							810.20
Prescott			2,205.35		1,174.10					3,379.45
Prospect			1,200.00							1,200.00
Salmon			1,000.10		132.50					1,132.60
Sargent			110.00							110.00
Shook			508.25							508.25
Smith				475.00						475.00
Sumner		170.00	1,041.00							1,211.00
Swanwick		104.00		264.00						368.00
Swanwick			334.00							334.00
T. (Main)		800.70	800.00	482.80	661.00					1,944.50
Union										
Union			1,411.00				47.50			1,458.50
Union			715.00							715.00
Union			454.00		245.00	812.00		1,574.00		2,585.00
Wash. in loc.		200.00								200.00
Wash.				471.40	235.10					706.50
Wash.				817.40						817.40
Wash.	115.00	1,000.00								1,115.00
Total	1,125.00	1,200.00	7,740.00	7,164.50	5,701.05	1,070.00	487.50	1,900.20	1,758.10	27,602.35

LENGTH OF UNDERDRAINS IN STREETS—1947

Street	5 Inch	6 Inch	8 Inch	10 Inch	Total Length	Total Length Sewers and Underdrains
Arlington						399.80
Ash St.	237.00			258.80	495.80	1,577.50
Bancroft						1,439.29
Berkeley		456.00			456.00	1,712.10
Boyce						516.87
Brook		847.60			847.60	1,695.20
Center	620.60				620.60	1,241.20
Chute						311.00
Copeland						500.00
Deering						170.00
Dudley						374.50
Eaton		1,002.70	527.70		1,530.40	3,060.80
Echo		528.83			528.83	1,075.06
Elliott						429.00
Elm	383.28				383.28	769.56
Fairview		478.00			478.00	958.00
Fremont		456.50			456.50	913.00
Gardner						475.00
Gilmore						181.50
Gould						296.39
Green	836.90	974.10			1,811.00	4,523.20
Harnden						539.30
Harrison						565.00
Haven		583.20			583.20	2,341.00
High		487.70	736.10		1,223.80	3,729.42
Hillcrest		450.40			450.40	1,275.70
Howard		1,410.00			1,410.00	2,820.00
Interceptors		2,937.00			2,937.00	5,874.00
John		743.10			743.10	1,954.29
King		175.00			175.00	690.00
Kingston	609.30	110.00			719.30	1,438.60
Lincoln			1,111.50		1,111.50	2,223.00
Linden	290.40	444.90			735.30	1,775.00
Lowell						914.26
Main		1,246.10	955.50	234.90	2,436.50	4,873.00
Maple	189.20				189.20	373.40
Middle						313.60
Middlesex	254.00				254.00	1,667.40
Minot	972.65	437.00			1,409.65	2,819.30
Mt. Vernon		230.30			230.30	1,213.82
Orange		396.21			396.21	792.42
Park	507.30		322.70		830.00	1,660.00
Parker						427.00
Pearl		855.55			855.55	1,711.10
Perkins						400.00
Pierce		155.20			155.20	405.30
Pine	226.00				226.00	452.00
Pleasant		374.00	469.80		843.80	3,184.56
Pratt	252.20	303.30			555.50	1,377.80
Prescott	1,070.60	2,091.80			3,162.40	6,601.80
Prospect	886.00				886.00	2,146.00
Salem	543.00	77.20	122.50		752.70	1,967.30
Sanborn	200.00				200.00	916.30
School						688.25
Smith						475.00
Sunmer						1,817.60
Sunnyside	432.60	222.00			654.60	1,353.20
Sweetser	175.00				175.00	509.30
Temple		40.00			40.00	2,031.04
Union						303.60
Village		825.00			825.00	2,328.40
Warren	715.00				715.00	1,430.00
Washington		724.00	246.80	1,163.20	2,134.00	4,692.90
Wenda						300.00
Wilson			804.50		804.50	1,609.00
Woburn	1,196.00		917.40		2,113.40	6,845.85
Totals	10,597.03	20,072.69	6,224.50	1,656.90	38,551.12	106,543.99

RECOMMENDATIONS

General

The inability of the Public Works Department to attract and keep competent employees poses a serious problem. If services are to be maintained economically and efficiently, a system will have to be devised so that the Department may be in a competitive position in the Labor Market. Salary schedules will have to be set up so that the Department will be in a position to attract competent employees. It is false economy to do otherwise. Incompetent employees, large turnover and the lack of skilled, experienced basic group of employees tends towards lost time, poor use of materials and inefficient use of equipment.

A schedule should be set up and rigorously followed for the replacement of old equipment and the purchase of new types of equipment. It is self-evident that this is a good policy. Everyone knows that every piece of equipment eventually reaches the point where it is cheaper to replace it than it is to maintain it. The Department had such a program just prior to World War II. It was followed for three years and the good results were apparent to all. The program was not followed during nor since the War. That this was false economy is now apparent to all. A new program has been prepared and submitted. It is hoped that it will be rigorously adhered to.

Highway

Continued construction of new residences will necessarily result in added work for this Division. New streets will have to be built. Extended maintenance will be required. Many requests will be received for various services. Much of this has already occurred.

It is consequently necessary to enlarge this Department if the requested services are to be given. Funds should be provided for the enlargement of this Division.

Storm Water Drains

A serious problem faces the Town here. The Department has on file many requests for the installation of Drainage facilities. The normal annual appropriation is woefully insufficient. This problem will worsen in direct proportion to the increase in residential construction. Unless steps are taken immediately to ease this situation, the time will come, in the near future, when a large bond issue will be necessary. It would seem much more sensible to face the facts now and provide larger yearly appropriations for this purpose. *

Parks

For many years funds have not been available for expansion of the play areas and for the installation of facilities. Consequently, the available areas and facilities are being over-taxed. As the Town continues to develop, this condition will become worse.

The condition is particularly bad in relation to baseball. With only one ballfield available, it is in continuous use day and evening from May to September. It is practically impossible to keep it in good shape under these conditions. It is rapidly deteriorating. An area has been filled in Birch Meadow which, for a comparatively small amount could be made into a ballfield. It is strongly urged that funds be provided for this purpose. Funds should also be provided for other necessary improvements.

Sewers

With the funds from the recently approved bond issue, the Department will be able to install sewers in locations covered by the applications on file as of December 1, 1947. Since then, other applications have been received. This condition will continue to exist. Normal yearly appropriations should be sufficient to allow the Department to install sewers in all locations covered by applications on file as of January 1 in each year and thus eliminate costly bond issues.

Water

A large increase in the number of residences constructed seriously increased the work in this division. This will continue for some time. It will naturally result in a complete expansion of all parts of this division; supply, distribution and maintenance. It is doubtful if the normal income of the Division will be sufficient to finance this expansion on a pay-as-you-go policy. A small bond issue was necessary in 1947. It will probably be necessary to raise other bond issues to cover the major part of the expansion.

Conclusion

Attention is called to the report of the Capital Budgeting Expenditures Committee. All of the above recommendations are contained therein. A careful examination of this report will show that it is possible to provide the necessary funds without serious effect on the tax rate. It sets up a pay-as-you-go policy for most of these items under which much could be accomplished over a period of years without recourse to expensive, ill advised and poorly planned bond issues. It, in a word, is a planned program which, over a period of years, provides an answer to the many problems of this and other Town Departments.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the executive office:

Appropriation:

Salaries	\$ 6,050.00
Expenses	875.00

Expended:

Salaries	\$ 5,937.90
Expenses	846.43

Balance Unexpended:

Salaries	\$ 112.10
Expenses	28.57

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in the major departments, the payroll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Department of Public Works:

Note: Highway includes all other departmental accounts not specifically mentioned below, such as Chapter 90, Drainage, Sidewalks, Snow and Ice, etc.

	B.P.W.	Water	Highway	Sewer	Park	Totals
Payroll	\$ 5,937.90	\$37,490.69	\$ 68,098.84	\$13,398.93	\$ 5,945.83	\$130,872.19
Bills	846.43	41,818.28	78,919.94	12,349.65	2,472.86	136,407.16
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	\$ 6,784.33	\$79,308.97	\$147,018.78	\$25,748.58	\$ 8,418.69	\$267,279.35

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the Board for their many helpful suggestions and kindness extended to him during the year, and to assure all those in any way associated with him in carrying on the work of the Department of his gratitude for their interest and co-operation, and to acknowledge the assistance, co-operation and helpful suggestions which he has received from the other department heads of the Town.

PHILIP WELCH,

Superintendent

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee endeavored to carry out a program of supervised play to reach all the children in Reading who were not fortunate enough to go away to summer resorts or camps during the Summer. Mr. John B. Pacino as director and a competent corps of assistants were appointed to supervise the play.

Two instructors were assigned to each of the following playgrounds: Washington Street, Birch Meadow, Memorial Park, Junior High area and Chestnut Hill area using Leach Park and the Chestnut Hill School and yard. One attendant was assigned to each wading pool and one additional instructor for arts and crafts worked on a schedule instructing on the various areas.

The program operated for a period of eight weeks and the playgrounds were open from 9:00 A. M. to 8:30 P. M. Monday through Friday and from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon on Saturdays. The success of the program is evidenced by the attendance as reported by the instructors, totaling on all playgrounds an estimated daily attendance of 1050 different children. Birch Meadow and Washington Street attract the greatest number, 350 and 250, respectively.

The program included all types of organized games for both boys and girls but baseball, as in the past, engages the greatest number. Two leagues were formed, one for the seniors and one for juniors, and games were played nearly every pleasant day.

Although the program is for the children whenever sufficient interest has been shown and leadership has been apparent among the older boys and grown ups for a particular activity, the playground instructors have assisted by helping with schedules and providing the area required. A tennis tournament and series of matches with out of town groups were arranged during the past season as well as the operation of a softball league during the evening.

The value of a recreation program such as is carried out in Reading cannot be estimated in dollars. If the principal aim and objectives of the program to provide wholesome recreational opportunities for the youngsters, to provide guidance in developing proper attitudes and habits, and to teach the proper use of leisure time, are in a small way successful, then untold hours in the lives of Reading children in later life will be more pleasant and more profitable.

The sum of \$4500.00 was made available to the Committee. Approximately \$3600.00 of this was used for salaries, the balance for equipment, supplies, operating expenses and miscellaneous small items.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank the School Committee for the use of the Junior High and Chestnut Hill School grounds; also the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Grover, for his assistance and many courtesies.

The Board of Public Works and its Superintendent, Mr. Welch, co-operated to the fullest extent in keeping the parks in good condition and providing various pieces of equipment needed during the Summer. We express very strongly our appreciation of this, as the parks and recreation program are very closely allied and without this co-operation our program could not be successful.

A detailed report of the Director is available to any who care to have one. Your request should be made to any member of the Committee or to the Office of the Board of Public Works.

Recreation Committee

HAROLD W. PUTNAM

NEWELL MORTON

CARL PINKHAM

LAWRENCE ROBERTS

C. SUMNER TEEL

REV. CHARLES LANCASTER

MRS. WALTER M. EARLEY

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For The Year Ended December 31, 1947

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form,
were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 494,384.58
Receipts	2,198,707.42
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	\$2,693,092.00
Disbursements	2,232,529.57
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	\$ 460,562.43

Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1947	\$ 153,000.00
Bonds and Notes issued in 1947	None \$ 153,000.00
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Bonds and Notes paid in 1947	36,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1947	117,000.00 \$ 153,000.00
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There were no temporary loans in anticipation of revenue.

A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements and a statement of the trust funds are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS,

Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1947

Taxes and Assessments 1946

Uncollected December 31, 1946	\$ 7,571.30	
Interest and Costs Collected	484.71	
Refunds	28.00	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 7,826.52
Abatements		188.55
Tax Takings		68.94
Uncollected December 31, 194700
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	\$ 8,084.01	\$ 8,084.01

Taxes and Assessments 1946

Uncollected December 31, 1946	\$ 42,479.53	
Committed 1947	808.71	
Interest and Costs Collected	843.82	
Refunds	171.81	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 36,644.20
Abatements		586.28
Tax Takings		70.87
Uncollected December 31, 1947		7,002.52
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	\$ 44,303.87	\$ 44,303.87

Taxes and Assessments 1947

General Tax Warrant	\$836,778.52	
Interest and Costs Collected	461.34	
Refunds	2,586.42	
Paid Treasurer		\$776,277.98
Abatements		14,334.05
Tax Takings		171.21
Uncollected December 31, 1947		49,043.04
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	\$839,826.28	\$839,826.28

Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1946	\$ 1,304.01	
Committed 1947	12,324.48	
Interest and Costs Collected	126.40	
Refunds	11.05	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 12,268.23
Abatements		143.76
Uncollected December 31, 1947		1,353.95
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	\$ 13,765.94	\$ 13,765.94

Highway Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1946	\$ 1,756.16	
Committed 1947	890.87	
Interest Collected .....	.86	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 778.07
Betterment Apportioned		1,051.85
Uncollected December 31, 1947		817.97
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	\$2,647.89	\$ 2,647.89
Advance Payment Apportioned Highway	\$ 297.93	
Interest Collected	3.70	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 301.63
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	\$ 301.63	\$ 301.63

Sidewalk Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1946	\$ 2,572.89	
Committed 1947	3,051.66	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 1,358.55
Betterment Apportioned		1,481.22
Uncollected December 31, 1947		2,784.78
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	\$ 5,624.55	\$ 5,624.55
Advance Payment Apportioned Sidewalk	\$ 94.17	
Interest Collected90	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 95.07
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	\$ 95.07	\$ 95.07

Sewer Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1946	\$ 1,757.53	
Committed 1947	1,984.47	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 819.98
Betterment Apportioned		1,070.75
Uncollected December 31, 1947		1,851.27
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	\$ 3,742.00	\$ 3,742.00
Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer	\$ 97.65	
Interest Collected61	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 98.26
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	\$ 98.26	\$ 98.26

Sewer House Connection

Uncollected December 31, 1946	\$ 1,392.36
Committed 1947	2,834.61

Paid Treasurer	\$	829.91
Betterment Apportioned		793.36
Uncollected December 31, 1947		2,603.70

	\$	4,226.97	\$	4,226.97
Advance Payment Sewer House Connection	\$	39.58		
Paid Treasurer			\$	39.58
	\$	39.58	\$	39.58

Certificates

Certificate of Municipal Lien	\$	196.03		
Paid Treasurer			\$	196.03
	\$	196.03	\$	196.03

Estate of Deceased Persons

Uncollected December 31, 1946	\$	621.86		
Paid Treasurer			\$	100.00
Abatements				209.21
Uncollected December 31, 1947				312.65
	\$	621.86	\$	621.86

Water Rates and Miscellaneous

Committed 1947	\$	42,246.78		
Refunds		47.47		
Paid Treasurer			\$	33,608.32
Abatements				225.05
Uncollected December 31, 1947				8,460.88
	\$	42,294.25	\$	42,294.25

Recapitulation

Total Receipts from Taxes and Assessments	\$788,007.31		
Highway Assessments and Interest	1,079.70		
Sidewalk Assessments and Interest	1,453.62		
Sewer Assessments and Interest	13,186.47		
House Connections and Interest	869.49		
Motor Vehicle Assessments	30,951.52		
Water Rates and Miscellaneous	33,608.32		
Interest Costs, etc.	2,085.90		
Paid Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts		\$871,242.33	
	\$871,242.33	\$871,242.33	

WILLIAM E. MORRISON,
Collector of Taxes

Annual Report

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Receipts and Expenditures

For the Year Ended December 31, 1947

RECEIPTS 1947

FROM TAXES

1945 Poll	\$ 4.00	
Personal	165.06	
Real Estate	7,013.17	
1946 Poll	10.00	
Personal	1,047.18	
Real Estate	32,532.35	
1947 Poll	5,698.00	
Personal	46,921.43	
Real Estate	689,875.41	
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\$783,266.60

Estate of Deceased Person \$ 100.00

Tax Title Redemptions \$ 468.67

From the State:

Income Tax	\$ 84,187.19
Corporation Tax	46,273.02
Meals Tax	4,454.37
Gasoline Tax	14,389.27

\$149,303.85

From the County:

Dog License Fees \$ 1,562.50

From Special Assessments added to Taxes:

Moth and Tree Work	\$ 870.97
Sewer	1,287.43
Sewer House Connections	1,271.48
Sidewalk	2,222.40
Highway	2,198.07

\$ 7,850.35

Betterment Assessments Advance Payments:

Sewer	\$ 97.65
Sewer House Connections	39.58
Sidewalk	94.17
Highway	297.93

\$ 529.33

From Motor Vehicle Excise

\$ 30,951.52

From Licenses and Permits:

Board of Selectmen:

Revolver	\$ 59.50
Common Victualers	75.00

Theater	56.00
Second Hand Auto	90.00
Junk	20.00
Second Hand Articles	10.00
Lord's Day	140.00
Taxicab	16.00
Trucking	9.00
Bowling	5.00
Auctioneers	12.00
Inn Holder	1.00
Peddler's	5.00
Amusement	29.00
Advertising Hearings	22.50
Bus	20.00

\$ 570.00

Board of Health:

Physiotherapist	\$ 1.00
Undertaker	6.00
Frozen Desserts	10.00
Pasteurization	10.00

\$ 27.00

Town Clerk:

Dog Licenses for County	\$ 2,177.80
Dog Licenses for Town	192.20
Sporting Licenses for State	894.00
Sporting Licenses for Town	114.00
Birth Certificates	17.75
Death Certificates	38.50
Voters Certificates	6.00
Marriage Licenses and Certificates	390.50
Mortgages and Discharges	853.19
Pole Locations	83.30
Certificates of Business	21.35
Duplicate Dog Tags	1.30
Gasoline Permits	13.50
Bill of Sale	3.00
Dog Transfers	2.25

\$ 4,808.64

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	\$ 70.00
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DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

From Tax Collector:

Costs and Charges	\$ 468.65
Certificates	196.03

\$ 664.68

Board of Appeal, Adv. Hearings	\$ 50.00
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Police Department:

Ambulance Fees	\$ 895.00
Bicycle Registration	80.25
Miscellaneous	6.68

\$ 981.93

Moth and Tree Department:

Moth and Tree Work Charges	\$ 1,676.92
Sealer of Weights and Measures Fees	50.96
Inspector of Milk and Food Fees	25.00
Inspector of Buildings	730.50

Health and Sanitation:

Sewer Rentals	\$ 12,141.83
Sewer Rentals Costs	90.55
State Subsidy	397.15
C. of M. Division of T.B.	547.50

\$ 13,177.03

Public Works Department:

Road Machinery Account Rentals	\$ 21,398.66
Sundry Charges	47.04
Sundry Parties, Sewer House Connection Charges	41.30

\$ 21,487.00

Fed. Works Agency, Public Works Garage	\$ 300.00
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Charities and Aid:

Reimbursement for General Aid:

From the State	\$ 2,656.73
From other Cities and Towns	1,220.55
Sundry Parties	248.55

\$ 4,125.83

Reimbursement for A.D.C.:

From the State	\$ 6,091.26
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Reimbursements for O.A.A.:

From the State	\$ 61,806.96
From other Cities and Towns	1,611.67

\$ 63,418.63

Reimbursement for Burial:

From the State	\$ 100.00
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United States Government Federal Grants:

For Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	\$ 851.56
For Aid to Dependent Children Aid	5,148.97
For Old Age Assistance, Adm.	2,974.12
For Old Age Assistance, Aid	63,699.28

\$ 72,673.93

Veterans' Benefits:

Reimbursement from State:

State Aid	\$ 240.00
War Allowance	69.00

\$ 309.00

School Department:

C. of M. Vocational Education	\$ 842.34
City of Boston, Tuition City Wards	298.14
C. of M. Tuition	632.07
Tuition, Other Towns	12,665.40
C. of M. Milk Fund	5,401.20
Cafeteria Receipts	34,607.43
Miscellaneous	226.28

\$ 54,672.86

Federal Works Agency, School Plans

\$ 6,900.00

Library:

Fines	\$ 874.22
Federal Works Agency—Library Plans	\$ 1,400.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Light Department:

Sales, Light and Power	\$521,766.28
Street Lighting	16,000.00
Merchandise and Jobbing	169,078.80
Miscellaneous	2,523.18

\$709,368.26

Water Department:

Sale of Water, Meter Rates	\$ 61,358.08
Miscellaneous	6,342.58

Water Rates added to Taxes	183.90	
		\$ 67,884.56
Cemetery Department:		
Sale of Lots and Graves	\$ 1,857.50	
Annual Care, Interments, etc.	3,759.94	
Soldiers Graves Account	276.36	
		\$ 5,893.80
Sewer Department:		
Guarantee Deposits House Connections		\$ 707.00
Interest:		
Tax Title Redemptions	\$ 140.37	
Deferred Special Assessments	498.18	
Motor Vehicle Excise	13.09	
Sewer Rentals	35.85	
Deferred Taxes	1,308.13	
		\$ 1,995.62
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT		
Hospital Fund, Gilman L. Parker:		
Income	\$ 3,047.50	
For Transfer	3,114.70	
		\$ 6,162.20
Hospital Fund, Anne S. Grouard:		
Income	\$ 1,940.00	
For Transfer	4,000.00	
		\$ 5,940.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund:		
Bequest	\$ 3,672.66	
Income	1,637.50	
For Transfer	13,000.00	
Care of Endowed Lots and Graves	2,880.20	
		\$ 21,190.36
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund:		
Income	\$ 100.00	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund:		
Income	\$ 546.88	
Salvage Fund	\$ 195.75	
Withholding for Income Taxes	\$ 75,291.51	
Mass. Hospital Service	\$ 6,950.50	

Refunds General Accounts:

School Cafeterias	\$ 1,341.22	
Insurance	600.80	
Veterans Benefits	105.00	
Land Court	239.50	
Public Welfare General Aid	8.50	
Public Welfare A.D.C.	9.59	
Public Welfare O.A.A.	256.41	
Public Works Highway Dept. ....	.57	
Assessors Exp.	1.25	
Police Dept. Ambulance	83.82	
Miscellaneous Exp.	30.00	
Road Machinery Operation	74.18	
Interest	22.50	
School Dept. General Maint.	11.15	
School Dept. General Salaries	36.64	
Recreation	25.00	
Treasurer's Exp. ....	.07	
Tree and Moth Dept.	10.00	
Treasurer's Dept. Duplicate Deed	1.00	
		\$ 2,857.20

Other Refunds:

Gas Tax Refunds	\$ 389.32	
Recreation Petty Cash	15.00	
		\$ 404.32

REIMBURSEMENTS:

Insurance Account:

Municipal Light Dept.	\$ 1,612.05	
Water Department	1,529.84	
Sewer Department	725.10	
		\$ 3,866.99
Comm. of Mass. Chap. 90	\$ 5,000.00	
County of Middlesex Chap. 90	2,500.00	
		\$ 7,500.00

UNCLASSIFIED:

Recording Fees	\$ 15.40
Sale of Land	325.00
Sale of Old Ambulance	300.00
Peddler's License, State	16.00
Tailings	223.77

Municipal Light Dept. to Town	50,000.00	
Fire Losses	490.60	
Damage Losses	155.48	
Welfare, Estate of Deceased Persons ..	845.01	
Conscience Fund	5.00	
Sale of School Car	100.00	
Sale of School Material	148.00	
School Dept. 1946 Refund	10.00	
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		\$ 52,634.26
Total Receipts		\$2,198,707.42

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS

General Revenue:

Taxes, Town	\$783,366.60
Taxes, State	149,303.85
Licenses and Permits	5,405.64
Tax Title Redemptions	468.67
Grants and Gifts	1,562.50
Special Assessments	20,521.51
Motor Vehicle Excise	30,951.52
Departmental Accounts	2,800.46
Federal Grants	72,673.93
School Department	54,672.86
Road Machinery Account	21,398.66
Federal Works Agency	8,600.00
Charities	73,735.72
Fines and Fees	3,447.29
Public Service Enterprises:	
Light Dept.	709,368.26
Water Dept.	67,884.56
Cemeteries	5,893.80
Interest	1,995.62
Agency, Trust and Investment	117,084.20
Refunds and Reimbursements	14,628.51
Light Department to Town Treasury	50,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	309.00
Sale of Land and Material	873.00
Unclassified	1,761.26
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	\$2,198,707.42

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Appropriated from 1946	1947	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
General Government							
Selectmen's Expenses	\$	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 950.31	\$	49.69
Selectmen's Clerical		1,820.00		1,820.00	1,820.00		
Town Accountant's Salary		3,300.00		3,300.00	3,300.00		
Treasurer's Salary		1,700.00		1,700.00	1,700.00		
Treasurer's Expenses		800.00	.07	800.07	770.44		29.63
Treasurer's Clerical		525.00		525.00	525.00		
Collector's Salary		2,915.00		2,915.00	2,915.00		
Collector's Expenses		1,100.00	325.00	1,425.00	1,423.14		1.86
Collector's Clerical		2,600.00	100.00	2,700.00	2,667.08		32.92
Assessors' Salaries		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		
Assessors' Expenses	1,246.10	1,500.00	1.25	2,747.35	2,716.69		30.66
Assessors' Clerical		3,640.00		3,640.00	3,610.00		30.00
Town Counsel's Salary		1,625.00		1,625.00	1,625.00		
Town Counsel's Expenses		550.00	255.00	805.00	799.82		5.18
Town Clerk's Salary		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		
Town Clerk's Expenses		1,071.50	300.00	1,371.50	1,365.99		5.51
Registrars' Salaries		450.00		450.00	450.00		
Registrars' Expenses	250.00	955.00	100.00	1,305.00	1,297.81		7.19
Election and Registration Exp.		1,000.00	400.00	1,400.00	1,314.53		85.47
Planning Board Expense		100.00		100.00	55.02		44.98
Miscellaneous Expense	400.00	5,500.00	305.00	6,205.00	4,685.96	1,000.00	519.04
Municipal Building Maintenance ..		1,640.00	400.00	2,040.00	2,011.59		28.41
Janitor's Services, Mun. Bldg.		1,560.00		1,560.00	1,560.00		
	\$ 1,896.10	\$ 39,551.50	\$ 2,186.32	\$ 43,633.92	\$ 41,763.38	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 870.54

	Balance Appropriated from 1946	1947	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Protection of Persons and Property							
Police Dept. Salaries	\$ 47,120.00			\$ 47,120.00	\$ 47,104.16		15.84
Police Dept. Pensions	4,483.16			4,483.16	4,455.76		27.40
Police Dept. Maintenance	6,200.00		\$ 1,700.00	7,900.00	7,898.60		1.40
Police Station Maintenance	2,175.00			2,175.00	2,173.46		1.54
Fire Dept. Salaries	35,900.00			35,900.00	35,656.57		243.43
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries	3,850.00			3,850.00	3,707.44		142.56
Fire Dept. Pensions	3,850.00			3,850.00	3,850.00		
Fire Dept. Maintenance	3,025.00		8,750.00	11,775.00	11,773.62		1.38
Fire Stations Maintenance	2,080.00			2,080.00	2,077.94		2.06
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,275.00			2,275.00	2,274.59		.41
Fire Alarm Extension	800.00			800.00	796.89		3.11
Hydrant Rentals	500.00			500.00	500.00		
Moth and Tree Depts.	14,000.00		10.00	14,010.00	13,954.60		55.40
Insp. of Buildings Salary and Exp.	1,000.00			1,000.00	894.81		105.19
Inspector of Wires Salary	210.00			210.00	210.00		
Scaler of Wts. and Meas. Salary ..	551.25			551.25	551.25		
Scaler of Wts. and Meas. Expense	250.00			250.00	242.07		7.93
Game Warden Salary	105.00			105.00	105.00		
Dog Officers Salary	330.75			330.75	330.75		
Police Ambulance	5,145.50			5,145.50	5,145.50		
	\$ 5,145.50	\$ 128,705.16	\$ 10,460.00	\$ 144,310.66	\$ 143,703.01		\$ 607.65

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 315.00	315.00	315.00	41.44
Board of Health Expenses	300.00	300.00	258.56	
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	525.00	525.00	525.00	
Inspector of Animals Salary	220.50	220.50	220.50	
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary	220.50	220.50	220.50	
Care of Contagious Diseases	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,010.37	989.63
Garbage Collection	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Dental Clinic	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Child Welfare	400.00	400.00	400.00	
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	\$ 11,681.00	\$ 11,681.00	\$ 10,649.93	\$ 1,031.07

Charities and Aid

General Aid Administrative Salaries	4,000	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,955.84	\$ 44.16
General Aid Administrative Exp. ..	600.00	600.00	597.02	2.98
General Aid	17,500.00	2,008.50	19,508.50	1,134.63
Aid to Dependent Children Adm. ..	1,700.00	150.00	1,850.00	1,734.95
Aid to Dependent Children	16,675.00	609.59	17,284.59	16,007.54
A.D.C. Adm. Federal Grants		851.56	851.56	679.64
A.D.C. Federal Grants		5,148.97	5,148.97	5,148.97
Old Age Assistance Adm.	7,000.00		7,000.00	5,735.24
Old Age Assistance	91,000.00	256.41	91,256.41	87,103.78
O.A.A. Adm. Federal Grants		2,974.12	2,974.12	2,974.12
O.A.A. Aid Federal Grants		63,699.28	63,699.28	63,699.28
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	\$138,475.00	\$ 75,698.43	\$214,173.43	\$ 975.00
			\$206,010.25	\$ 7,188.18

	Balance from 1946	Appropriated 1947	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Veterans Benefits							
Salaries		\$ 1,644.00		\$ 1,644.00	\$ 1,644.00		
Office Expense		575.00		575.00	488.61		86.39
Aid		8,781.00	105.00	8,886.00	8,008.16		877.84
		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 11,105.00	\$ 10,140.77		\$ 964.23
Education							
School Dept. General Salaries		\$331,718.94	\$ 36.64	\$331,755.58	\$326,987.87		4,767.71
School Dept. General Maintenance		61,695.00	1,432.65	63,127.65	62,081.63		1,046.02
School Dept. Industrial Tuition ...		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,814.67		185.33
School Cafeterias	436.29	45,000.00	6,742.42	52,178.71	44,859.53		7,319.18
School Transportation		13,000.00		13,000.00	11,541.67		1,458.33
Retirement Fund, School Teachers		550.00		550.00	550.00		
Elementary School Plans	276.38			276.38			276.38
Land Purch. Oak St. & Summer Ave.	4,589.50			4,589.50	4,000.00		589.50
Land Purch. Birch M'dw-High Sch.		10,000.00		10,000.00	191.80		9,808.20
Federal Work Agency School Plans	6,300.00		6,900.00	13,200.00	10,200.00		3,000.00
New High School Plans	59.83			59.83	46.00		13.83
	\$ 11,662.00	\$463,963.94	\$ 15,111.71	\$490,737.65	\$462,273.17		\$ 28,464.48
Public Library Salaries		\$ 7,300.00		\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,291.57		\$ 8.43
Public Library Maintenance		3,350.00		3,350.00	3,336.98		13.02
Fed. Wks. Agency—Pls. for addition			1,400.00	1,400.00			1,400.00
		\$ 10,650.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 12,050.00	\$ 10,628.55		\$ 1,421.45

Cemeteries

Salaries and Expenses	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 4,452.81	\$ 19,652.81	\$ 19,645.89	\$ 6.92
New Truck, Art. 14	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	

Public Works

Pub. Works Adm. Salaries	\$ 6,050.00		\$ 6,050.00	\$ 5,937.90	\$ 112.10
Public Works Expenses	875.00		875.00	846.43	28.57
Highway Dept. Salaries	32,500.00		32,500.00	31,312.47	1,187.53
Highway Dept. Expenses	29,500.00	.57	29,500.57	28,392.34	608.23
Snow and Ice Acct. Salaries	11,000.00	3,900.00	14,900.00	13,592.09	1,307.91
Snow and Ice Acct. Expenses	9,000.00	2,400.00	11,400.00	10,845.09	554.91
Sidewalk Construction Salaries	7,400.00		7,400.00	7,397.29	2.71
Sidewalk Construction Expenses ...	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,397.86	2.14
Drainage Construction Salaries ...	5,800.00		5,800.00	5,800.00	
Drainage Construction Expenses ..	3,800.00		3,800.00	3,797.67	2.33
Maintenance Storm Drains Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,813.99	186.01
Maint. Storm Drains, Expenses ...	2,600.00		2,600.00	2,308.50	291.50
Maintenance Town Dump Salaries	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,400.00	
Maintenance Town Dump Expenses	200.00		200.00	198.97	1.03
Park Dept. Salaries	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,945.83	54.17
Park Dept. Expenses	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,472.86	27.14
Sewer Dept. Maint. and Const. Sal.	9,000.00		9,000.00	8,706.43	293.57
Sewer Dept. Maint. and Const. Exp.	11,000.00		11,000.00	10,757.60	242.40
Sewer Dept. House Conn. Acct. Sal.	3,700.00	1,000.00	4,700.00	4,692.50	7.50
Sewer Dept. House Conn. Acct. Exp.	1,100.00	500.00	1,600.00	1,592.05	7.95
Drinking Fountains	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Water Dept. Salaries	35,000.00	3,100.00	38,100.00	37,490.69	609.31

	Balance Appropriated from 1946	1947	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Water Dept. Expenses		29,000.00	13,000.00	42,000.00	41,818.28		181.72
Mineral St. Bridge Plans	250.00			250.00			250.00
Wescroft Rd. Betterment	2,350.90			2,350.90	75.48		2,275.42
Springvale Rd. Betterment	412.24			412.24	61.33		350.91
West Hill Circle Betterment	1,084.06			1,084.06	867.16		216.90
Drainage System Installation	1,050.50			1,050.50			1,050.50
Road Machinery Acct. (Rentals) ..	20,462.64		21,787.98	42,250.62		22,000.00	20,250.62
Road Machinery Fund (Operation)	1,281.49		22,074.18	23,355.67	23,173.49		182.18
Spec. Comm. Low Cost Housing ...	257.15			257.15	219.00		38.15
Harvard St. Betterment	351.20			351.20			351.20
Post War Plans	1,332.62			1,332.62	657.32		675.30
Chap. 90 Lowell St.	3,005.31	500.00	19,500.00	23,005.31	8,221.90		14,783.41
Chap. 90, Charles St.	4,500.00			4,500.00		4,500.00	
Chap. 90 Maintenance			1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Water Dept. Garage	\$ 24,730.40			\$ 24,730.40	\$ 551.51		\$ 24,178.89
Street Construction, Art. 19		\$ 9,535.00		9,535.00			9,535.00
	\$ 61,068.51	\$ 223,960.00	\$ 710,844.85	\$ 855,741.89	\$ 760,032.18		\$ 95,709.71
Municipal Light Dept.	\$ 144,897.04		\$ 88,762.73	\$ 373,791.24	\$ 266,944.03	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 79,847.21
Mun. Lt. Dpt., Underground Instal.	1,431.59			1,431.59		1,431.59	
	\$ 146,328.63		\$ 710,844.85	\$ 857,173.48	\$ 760,032.18	\$ 1,431.59	\$ 95,709.71

Unclassified

Memorial Day Observance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 196.87	\$ 1,196.87	\$ 1,196.87		
Interest, Not inc. Water, Lt., Sewer	2,127.50	22.50	2,150.00	1,355.00	45.00	750.00
Maturing Debt, not inc. water, light	20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00		
Insurance	14,749.71	4,577.59	19,327.30	17,178.91	2,093.25	55.14
Contributory Retirement System ..	26,527.47		26,527.47	26,527.47		
Servicemen's Retirement	896.43		896.43	896.43		
Street Lighting	16,000.00		16,000.00	16,000.00		68.04
Land Court Expense	200.00	285.00	485.00	416.96		15.38
Reserve Fund		12,000.00	12,000.00		11,984.62	
Care Soldiers' Graves	800.00		800.00	800.00		
Street List Publication	900.00	250.00	1,150.00	1,108.80		41.20
Rent Legion Quarters	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Rent V.F.W. Quarters	650.00		650.00	650.00		
Town Forest	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,700.00		100.00
Recreation Committee	4,500.00	25.00	4,525.00	4,521.75		3.25
Post War Planning Committee ...	495.00		495.00	495.00		495.00
Capital Exp. Planning Committee ..	503.47	300.00	803.47	623.35		180.12
Dog Pound	16.48		16.48	16.48		16.48
Land Purchase Parking Area	5,586.02	1,000.00	6,586.02	6,522.33		63.69
Aid to Agriculture Chap. 128 G.L. ..			100.00	94.63		5.37
Wage & Salary Classification Com.		250.00	250.00	250.00		250.00
	\$ 6,600.97	\$ 91,751.11	\$ 18,906.96	\$ 117,259.04	\$ 14,122.87	\$ 2,043.67
Refunds, Taxes, Assts., etc.						
Hospital Fund	2,279.33	\$ 2,941.85	\$ 2,941.85	\$ 2,941.85		4,893.33
Anne S. Grouard Fund		6,162.20	8,441.53	3,548.20		475.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund	125.00	5,940.00	5,940.00	5,465.00		872.50
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund		18,310.16	18,435.16	17,562.66		
Morrison Fund	9.23	100.00	100.00	100.00		
			9.23	9.23		

	Balance Appropriated from 1946 1947	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Tailings Account	547.33	223.77	771.10	12.51		758.59
Baseball Fund	72.00		72.00	72.00		
Edw. H. & Phillips Raymond Fd. ...	16.78		16.78	16.78		
Sewer H.C. Guarantee Deposits		748.30	748.30	102.93	635.80	9.57
Dog License Fees from Town Clerk	43.40	2,177.80	2,221.20	2,178.20		43.00
Recording Fee Deposits	2.00	15.40	17.40	15.15		2.25
Salvage Committee	6,455.62	195.75	6,651.37	73.70		6,577.67
Fish. & Hunt. Lic. Fees, Town Clerk	12.25	894.00	906.25	896.25		10.00
Withholding Tax	4,787.82	75,291.51	80,079.33	73,571.78		6,507.55
Blue Cross	1,263.15	6,950.50	8,213.65	7,557.90		655.75
Middlesex County T.B. Hospital ...		6,421.87	6,421.87	6,421.87		
County Tax		29,691.97	29,691.97	29,691.97		
Metropolitan Sewer Asst.		18,802.60	18,802.60	18,802.60		
State Parks and Reservations		658.11	658.11	658.11		
State Tax		14,300.00	14,300.00	14,300.00		
State Audit Municipal Accounts ...		2,209.65	2,209.65	2,209.65		
State Audit Retirement System		622.35	622.35	622.35		
Recreation Committee, Petty Cash		15.00	15.00	15.00		
Personal Injuries, Hubbard		49.15	49.15	49.15		
Police Cruiser		600.00	600.00	599.67		.33
Traffic Beacon Repairs		375.00	375.00	370.81		4.19
Unpaid Bill, Welfare Dept.		160.00	160.00	160.00		
School Dept. Safety Equipment	12,515.00		12,515.00	9,620.59		2,894.41
\$ 28,128.91		\$193,856.94	\$221,985.85	\$197,645.91	\$ 635.80	\$ 23,704.14
\$260,830.62 \$1,136,937.71		\$1,121,785.75	\$2,519,554.08	\$2,232,529.57	\$ 45,165.26	\$241,859.25

RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

Department Expenditures	\$1,104,603.18
Public Service Enterprises:	
Municipal Light Dept.	760,032.18
Water Dept.	79,308.97
Interest, not incl, Water, Light, Sewer	1,355.00
Funded Dept. not inc. Water, Light	20,000.00
Agency, Trust and Investment	26,675.86
State and County Taxes and Assts.	72,706.55
Contributory Retirement System	27,423.90
Withholding for Income Taxes	73,571.78
Street Lighting	16,000.00
Insurance	17,178.91
Refunds, Taxes, etc.	2,941.85
Road Machinery Fund	23,173.49
Mass. Hospital Service	7,557.90
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	\$2,232,529.57

TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1947	\$494,384.58	
Receipts 1947	2,198,707.42	
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	\$2,693,092.00	
Payments	2,232,529.57	
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1947		\$460,562.43
Tax Titles:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	\$ 1,074.57	
Taxes, Assts., etc., on property taken	364.44	
Cash, Redemption of Property		\$ 732.03
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1947		706.98
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	\$ 1,439.01	\$ 1,439.01
Tax Title Possessions:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	\$ 3,825.96	
Gain on Sales	70.41	
Taxes on Property transferred	263.36	
Cash, Property sold		\$ 325.00
Repossession by Town		315.70

Loss on Sales		93.43
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947		3,425.60
	<u>\$ 4,159.73</u>	<u>\$ 4,159.73</u>
Water Rates:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	\$ 6,951.68	
Meter Rates, etc. 1947	69,703.09	
Refunds	88.15	
Adjustments	61.86	
Cash		\$ 67,700.66
Discounts and Credits		352.15
Audit Adjustments		291.09
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947		8,460.88
	<u>\$ 76,804.78</u>	<u>\$ 76,804.78</u>
Water Rates Added to Taxes 1945:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1947	\$ 8.00	
Cash		\$ 8.00
	<u>\$ 8.00</u>	<u>\$ 8.00</u>
Water Rates added to Taxes 1946:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1947	\$ 140.03	
Cash		\$ 140.03
	<u>\$ 140.03</u>	<u>\$ 140.03</u>
Water Rates Added to Taxes 1947:		
Commitment	\$ 35.87	
Cash		\$ 35.87
	<u>\$ 35.87</u>	<u>\$ 35.87</u>
Water Reserve:		
Cash, Water Rates to Taxes		\$ 183.90
Transferred to Water Available Surplus ...	\$ 183.90	
	<u>\$ 183.90</u>	<u>\$ 183.90</u>
Water Available Surplus:		
Balance January 1, 1947		\$ 13,607.62
Transfer from Water Reserve		183.90

Transfer from Water Maintenance		791.03	
Receipts in excess of Estimate		3,700.66	
Transfer to Water Dept.	\$ 13,600.00		
Balance to 1948	4,683.21		
	\$ 18,283.21	\$ 18,283.21	
Municipal Light Dept. Accounts Receivable:			
Outstanding January 1, 1947	\$ 50,703.76		
Charges in 1947	762,996.70		
Cash		\$706,845.08	
Discounts and Credits		44,487.35	
Outstanding December 31, 1947		62,368.03	
	\$813,700.46	\$813,700.46	
Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' Deposits:			
Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 19,573.00		
Cash	8,511.00		
Refunds		\$ 5,501.00	
Balance December 31, 1947		22,583.00	
	\$ 28,084.00	\$ 28,084.00	
Cemetery Reserve Fund:			
Balance January 1, 1947		\$ 9,919.02	
Cash, Sale of Lots and Graves		1,857.50	
Transferred to Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00		
Balance to 1948	10,776.52		
	\$ 11,776.52	\$ 11,776.52	

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 15,892.39		
Charges in 1947	101,525.70		
Adjustments	37.05		
Cash		\$ 91,151.28	
Transfers to Taxes		890.60	
Adjustments		803.55	
Balance December 31, 1947		24,609.71	
	\$117,455.14	\$117,455.14	

CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Selectmen's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Telephone	\$ 156.89	
Printing and Stationery	175.25	
Postage and Box Rent	19.15	
Towel Supply	22.10	
Selectmen's Assn.	95.00	
Physicians Fees for Retirement	80.00	
Reimbursement for Expenses	356.50	
All Other	45.42	
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Total Payments	\$ 950.31	
Balance to Revenue	49.69	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Selectmen's Clerical, Appropriation		\$ 1,820.00
Salary, Clerk	\$ 1,820.00	
Town Accountant's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 3,300.00
Salary, Town Accountant	\$ 3,300.00	
Treasurer's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 1,700.00
Salary, Treasurer	\$ 1,700.00	
Treasurer's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 800.00
Refund — Overpayment07
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		\$ 800.07
Postage	\$ 334.20	
Stationery and Supplies	177.67	
Bank Checks	81.75	
Telephone	67.64	
Check Stencils	36.00	
Machine Maintenance	25.00	
Miscellaneous	43.23	
Express	4.95	
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Total Payments	\$ 770.44	
Balance to Revenue	29.63	
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	\$ 800.07	

Treasurer's Clerical, Appropriation		\$ 525.00
Clerk Hire	\$ 525.00	
Collector's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 2,915.00
Salary, Collector	\$ 2,915.00	
Collector's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 1,100.00
Transfers from Reserve Fund		325.00
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		\$ 1,425.00
Telephone	\$ 46.52	
Postage	642.60	
Books and Printing	582.62	
Towels	9.10	
Office Supplies and Equipment	115.95	
Advertising	12.00	
All Other	14.35	
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Total Payments	\$ 1,423.14	
Balance to Revenue	1.86	
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	\$ 1,425.00	
Collector's Clerical, Appropriation		\$ 2,600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		100.00
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		\$ 2,700.00
Clerk Hire	\$ 2,667.08	
Balance to Revenue	32.92	
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	\$ 2,700.00	
Assessors' Salaries, Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Salaries, Assessors	\$ 3,000.00	
Assessors' Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Balance from 1946		1,246.10
Refunds		1.25
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		\$ 2,747.35
Assistant Assessors	\$ 409.35	
Telephone	45.05	
Travel and Auto Hire	174.85	
Assessors' Meetings	116.02	
Towels	9.40	
Office Supplies and Printing	504.38	
New Equipment	1,142.75	

Registry of Deeds	63.04	
Plans and Corrections	196.85	
Postage	34.00	
All Other	21.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 2,716.69	
Balance to Revenue	30.66	
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	\$ 2,747.35	
Assessors' Clerical, Appropriation		\$ 3,640.00
Salaries, Clerks	\$ 3,610.00	
Balance to Revenue	30.00	
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	\$ 3,640.00	
Town Counsel's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 1,625.00
Salary Town Counsel	\$ 1,625.00	
Town Counsel's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 550.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		255.00
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		\$ 805.00
Stenographic Services, etc.	\$ 518.32	
Court Costs and witness fees	12.25	
Cost of Sand and Gravel Case	106.15	
Telephone, carfares, etc.	66.07	
Stationery and supplies	59.38	
Postage, recording deeds, etc.	22.65	
Decisions and annotated laws	15.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 799.82	
Balance to Revenue	5.18	
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	\$ 805.00	
Town Clerk's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Salary, Town Clerk	\$ 1,200.00	
Town Clerk's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 1,071.50
Transfer from Insurance Acct.		300.00
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		\$ 1,371.50
Clerical	\$ 1,040.70	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	304.54	

Postage	9.00	
Membership Dues	11.75	
Total Payments	\$ 1,365.99	
Balance to Revenue	5.51	
	\$ 1,371.50	
Board of Registrars' Salaries, Appropriation ...		\$ 450.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	\$ 450.00	
Board of Registrars' Expenses, Appropriation ..		\$ 955.00
Balance from 1946		250.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		100.00
		\$ 1,305.00
Pay Roll	\$ 1,033.34	
Telephone	60.36	
Stationery and Printing	159.36	
Auto Hire	14.25	
Typewriter Rental	30.50	
Total Payments	\$ 1,297.81	
Balance to Revenue	7.19	
	\$ 1,305.00	
Election & Registration Expense, Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		400.00
		\$ 1,400.00
Election Officers	\$ 587.80	
Installing Booths	109.00	
Hall Rent	134.00	
Voting Lists, Ballots, etc.	465.25	
Lunches	18.48	
Total Payments	\$ 1,314.53	
Balance to Revenue	85.47	
	\$ 1,400.00	
Planning Board Expense, Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Association Dues	\$ 15.00	
Blue Printing	23.60	

Printing and Supplies	16.42	
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Total Payments	\$	55.02
Balance to Revenue		44.98
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	\$	100.00
Miscellaneous Expense, Appropriation	\$	5,500.00
Balance from 1946		400.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		275.00
Refund		30.00
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	\$	6,205.00
Printing and Stationery	\$	390.73
Finance Committee Expense		534.87
Care and Lighting O.S.C.		145.19
Bd. of Appeal Expenses		74.50
Insp. Wires Exp.		33.37
Dog Officers Exp.		264.83
Traffic Control		640.40
Office Equip. and Expense		128.83
Clerical		23.40
Printing Town Report		1,841.14
Accountant's Exp.		134.80
Mun. Finance Officers Assn.		22.00
Emergency Lights		250.40
All Other		201.50
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Total Payments	\$	4,685.96
Transferred to Police Dept. Maintenance ..		1,000.00
Balance to 1948—Printing By-laws		500.00
Balance to Revenue		19.04
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	\$	6,205.00
Municipal Building Maintenance, Appropriation	\$	1,640.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		150.00
Transfer from Insurance Acct.		250.00
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	\$	2,040.00

Janitor's Supplies	\$ 326.90	
Fuel	594.33	
Gas and Lighting	364.82	
Water and Sewer	45.32	
Ash Removal	21.50	
Repairs Building and Grounds	546.65	
Flags	50.27	
All Other	61.80	
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Total Payments	\$ 2,011.59	
Balance to Revenue	28.41	
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	\$ 2,040.00	
Janitor's Salary, Mun. Bldg., Appropriation		\$ 1,560.00
Salary, Janitor	\$ 1,560.00	
 Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Dept. Salaries Appropriation		\$ 47,120.00
Salary, Chief	\$ 3,287.87	
Salaries, Sergeants	9,054.54	
Salaries, Patrolmen	32,156.75	
Salaries, Specials	680.00	
Keeper of Lock-up	100.00	
Clerk	1,825.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 47,104.16	
Balance to Revenue	15.84	
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	\$ 47,120.00	
Police Dept. Pensions Appropriations		\$ 4,483.16
Pension Payments	\$ 4,455.76	
Balance to Revenue	27.40	
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	\$ 4,483.16	
Police Dept. Maintenance Appropriation		\$ 6,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		700.00
Transfer from Miscellaneous Fund		1,000.00
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		\$ 7,900.00

Chief's Expense	\$	134.79	
Telephone Expense		229.93	
Gasoline		1,195.26	
Oil		33.20	
Traffic Lights		845.44	
Traffic Lanes		1,071.97	
Radio Repairs		396.12	
Printing and Stationery		194.17	
Coats and Caps		191.17	
Automobile Tires		420.16	
Automobile Repairs		943.35	
Target Practice		96.39	
Teletype Expense		626.72	
Station Signals		63.50	
New Car		569.69	
Bicycle Reg. Expense		20.36	
Revolvers		52.37	
New Radio		465.00	
All Other		349.01	
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Total Payments	\$	7,898.60	
Balance to Revenue		1.40	
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	\$	7,900.00	
Police Station Maintenance, Appropriation			\$ 2,175.00
Water and Sewer	\$	62.54	
Gas and Electricity		247.97	
Fuel		343.25	
Repairs		315.07	
Janitor's Supplies		195.14	
Janitor's Salary		960.00	
Laundry		49.49	
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Total Payments	\$	2,173.46	
Balance to Revenue		1.54	
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	\$	2,175.00	
Police Ambulance			
Balance from 1946			\$ 5,145.50
Payment	\$	5,145.50	
Personal Injuries, Officer Hubbard:			
Transfer from Overlay Reserve			\$ 49.15
Payments	\$	49.15	

Police Cruising Car:		
Transfer from O.A.A.		\$ 600.00
Payments	\$ 599.67	
Balance to Revenue33	
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	\$ 600.00	
Traffic Beacon Repairs:		
Transfer from O.A.A. Acct.		\$ 375.00
Payments	\$ 370.81	
Balance to Revenue	4.19	
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	\$ 375.00	
Fire Dept. Salaries, Appropriation		\$ 35,900.00
Salary, Chief	\$ 3,300.00	
Salary, Deputy Chief	3,100.00	
Salary, Captain	3,000.00	
Salary, Lieutenant	2,900.00	
Salaries, Privates	23,356.57	
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Total Payments.....	\$ 35,656.57	
Balance to Revenue	243.43	
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	\$ 35,900.00	
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries, Appropriation		\$ 3,850.00
Salaries, Call Firemen	\$ 3,707.44	
Balance to Revenue	142.56	
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	\$ 3,850.00	
Fire Dept. Pensions, Appropriation		\$ 3,850.00
Pension Payments	\$ 3,850.00	
Fire Department Maintenance, Appropriation ..		\$ 3,025.00
Transfer from Surplus Revenue		8,750.00
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		\$ 11,775.00
Chief's Expenses	\$ 56.94	
Telephone	243.35	
Laundry	392.75	
Bedding, etc.	111.63	
Motor Apparatus Maintenance	1,697.10	
Gasoline and Oil	594.58	
Repairs Other Equipment	107.12	
New Hose	5,240.00	

New Appliances	134.36	
Equipment and Supplies	1,270.26	
Office Expenses	118.01	
Equipment for Men	185.38	
Forest Fires	1,362.64	
All Others	259.50	
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Total Payments	\$ 11,773.62	
Balance to Revenue	1.38	
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	\$ 11,775.00	
Fire Stations Maintenance, Appropriation		\$ 2,080.00
Central Station		
Gas	\$ 57.72	
Fuel	503.21	
Building Repairs	533.63	
Lighting	112.96	
Water and Sewer	67.49	
Supplies	184.94	
Furnishings	60.13	
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Total Payments Central Station	\$ 1,520.08	
Woburn Street Station		
Fuel	\$ 227.87	
Building Repairs	79.25	
Lighting	73.88	
Water and Sewer	16.66	
Supplies	35.20	
Steward	125.00	
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Total Payments Woburn Street Station	\$ 557.86	
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Total Payments	\$ 2,077.94	
Balance to Revenue	2.06	
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	\$ 2,080.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance, Appropriation		\$ 2,275.00
Salary, Superintendent	\$ 275.00	
Pay Rolls	998.00	
Truck Maintenance	50.00	

Power	46.64	
Supplies, Material, Equipment	867.37	
Radio Maintenance	26.50	
All Others	11.08	
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Total Payments	\$ 2,274.59	
Balance to Revenue41	
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	\$ 2,275.00	
Fire Alarm Extension, Appropriation		\$ 800.00
Pay Rolls	\$ 451.15	
Material and Supplies	345.74	
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Total Payments	\$ 796.89	
Balance to Revenue	3.11	
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	\$ 800.00	
Moth and Tree Dept. Salaries, Appropriation ..		\$ 10,866.25
Salary, Tree Warden	\$ 420.00	
Salary, Moth Supt.	2,700.00	
Pay Rolls	7,711.55	
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Total Payments	\$ 10,831.55	
Balance to Revenue	34.70	
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	\$ 10,866.25	
Moth & Tree Dept. Maintenance, Appropriation		\$ 3,133.75
Refund		10.00
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		\$ 3,143.75
Telephone	\$ 84.24	
Printing and Postage	80.45	
Clerical	32.20	
Spray Material	1,308.91	
Supplies, etc.	562.81	
Truck and Sprayer Exp.	1,054.44	
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Total Payments	\$ 3,123.05	
Balance to Revenue	20.70	
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	\$ 3,143.75	
Hydrant Rentals, Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Water Dept.	\$ 500.00	
Drinking Fountains, Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Water Dept.	\$ 100.00	

Inspector of Building Sal. and Exp. Appro.		\$ 1,000.00
Salary, Inspector of Buildings	\$ 775.00	
Expenses	119.81	
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Total Payments	\$ 894.81	
Balance to Revenue	105.19	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Inspector of Wires Salary, Appropriation		\$ 210.00
Salary, Inspector	\$ 210.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary, Appro.		\$ 551.25
Salary, Sealer	\$ 551.25	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Exp., Appro.		\$ 250.00
Transportation Weights and Measures	\$ 181.00	
Supplies	61.07	
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Total Payments	\$ 242.07	
Balance to Revenue	7.93	
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	\$ 250.00	
Board of Health, Salaries, Appropriation		\$ 315.00
Salary, Secretary	\$ 155.00	
Salaries, Other Members	160.00	
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	\$ 315.00	
Board of Health Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Disposition of Animals	\$ 84.00	
Printing and Supplies	2.96	
Telephone	58.66	
Insp. Milk and Food Exp.	67.00	
Agent's Expense	25.00	
All Other	20.94	
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Total Payments	\$ 258.56	
Balance to Revenue	41.44	
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	\$ 300.00	
Inspector of Plumbing Salary, Appropriation ...		\$ 525.00
Salary, Inspector	\$ 525.00	
Care of Contagious Diseases, Appropriation		\$ 5,000.00
Mass. Memorial Hospital	\$ 1,164.00	
Middlesex County Sanatorium	1,531.50	
Lakeville State Sanatorium	47.50	

Salary, Agent	300.00
Medical Care	446.33
Children's Hospital	39.60
City of Boston	120.00
City of Lynn	16.00
Rabies Inoculation	50.00
Analysis of Milk	118.00
All Other	177.44

Total Payments	\$ 4,010.37
Balance to Revenue	989.63

	\$ 5,000.00	
Garbage Collection, Appropriation		\$ 3,600.00
Contract Payments	\$ 3,600.00	
Dog Officer's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 330.75
Salary, Dog Officer	\$ 330.75	
Inspector of Milk & Food Salary, Appropriation		\$ 220.50
Salary, Inspector	\$ 220.50	
Dental Clinic, Appropriation		\$ 1,100.00
Expenses	\$ 1,100.00	
Inspector of Animals Salary, Appropriation		\$ 220.50
Salary, Inspector	\$ 220.50	
Game Warden's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 105.00
Salary, Game Warden	\$ 105.00	
Child Welfare Work, Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Expenses	\$ 400.00	
Street Lighting Appropriation		\$ 16,000.00
Municipal Light Dept.	\$ 16,000.00	

Charities and Aid:

General Aid Administrative

Appropriation:

Salaries	\$ 4,000.00
Other Expense	600.00

Payments:

Personal Services

Supervisory and Clerical	\$ 1,788.40	
Visiting and Investigation	1,348.44	
Emp. res., janitor, truck fore. ..	819.00	\$ 3,955.84

Visiting and Supv. expense and travel	158.87	
Office supplies and equipment	29.07	
Telephone	61.46	
Printing and postage	32.47	
Office Building maintenance	219.52	
Station wagon maintenance	46.75	
Gasoline and oil	41.88	
Social Service Index	7.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 4,552.86	\$ 4,600.00
Balance to Revenue	47.14	
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	\$ 4,600.00	

General Aid

Appropriation		\$ 17,500.00
Transfer from Ins. Acct.		600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,400.00
Refund		8.50
Payments:		
Cash Aid	\$ 9,993.73	
Food	55.68	
Fuel and Light	115.37	
Clothing	47.87	
Board	1,862.56	
Mass. Hospital School	299.97	
Tewksbury State Hosp. and Infirmary	696.00	
Mass. Div. Child Guardianship	340.94	
Medical		
Doctors	\$ 617.00	
Hospitals	918.30	
Medicine	323.66	
Optical	10.00	
Dental	26.00	
Nursing	289.00	
Police Ambulance	21.00	
X-ray	10.00	2,214.96
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Other	26.67	
Payments to other cities and towns	2,720.12	
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Total Payments	\$ 18,373.87	
Balance to Revenue	1,134.63	
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	\$ 19,508.50	\$ 19,508.50

Aid to Dependent Children Administrative

Appropriation, Salaries	\$ 1,700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	150.00
Federal Grants	851.56

Payments:

Personal Service

Supervisory and Clerical	\$ 1,138.63
Visiting and Investigation	859.46

Visiting and Supv. expense and travel	112.78
Office Supplies and equipment	19.50
Telephone	42.60
Printing and postage	12.20
Office Building maintenance	150.44
Station wagon maintenance	44.07
Gasoline and oil	27.91
Social Service Index	7.00

Total Payments	\$ 2,414.59
Federal Grant balance, to 1948 Acct.	171.92
Balance to Revenue	115.05

\$ 2,701.56 \$ 2,701.56

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$ 16,675.00
Transfer from Insurance Account	600.00
Refunds and credits	9.59
Federal Grants	5,148.97

Payments:

Regular Cash Assistance	\$ 20,138.08
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Special Cash Allowances:

Medical

Doctors	\$ 437.75
Hospitals	78.15
Medicine	149.78
Dental	259.00
Optical	25.50
Nursing	7.00

957.18

Fuel	48.25
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Foot plates	13.00		
Total Payments	\$ 21,156.51		
Balance to Revenue	1,277.05		
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	\$ 22,433.56	\$ 22,433.56	
Old Age Assistance Administrative			
Appropriation, salaries		\$ 7,000.00	
Federal Grants		2,974.12	
Payments:			
Personal services:			
Supervisory and clerical	\$ 3,107.37		
Visiting and investigation	3,774.70		
Emp. res., janitor, truck fore. ..	864.00	\$ 7,746.07	
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Office supplies and equipment		284.93	
Visiting and supv. expense and travel		298.96	
Stationery and printing		21.50	
Postage		75.00	
Telephone		141.45	
Office building maintenance		73.05	
Other		68.40	
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Total Payments	\$ 8,709.36		
Balance to Revenue	\$ 1,264.76		
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	\$ 9,974.12	\$ 9,974.12	
Old Age Assistance			
Appropriation		\$ 91,000.00	
Refunds and credits		256.41	
Federal Grants		63,699.28	
Payments:			
Regular Cash Assistance	\$138,682.80		
Special Cash Allowances			
Medical:			
Doctors	\$ 3,843.00		
Hospitals	1,664.63		
Medicine	2,074.84		
Nursing	558.98		
Optical	379.50		
Dental	344.50		
Chiropracist	67.50		
Police Ambulance	75.00		
Other	57.72	\$ 9,065.67	
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Payments on account of deceased persons :

Burial expense	\$ 869.91	
Doctors	384.00	
Hospitals	259.00	
Nursing	72.66	
Medicine	121.77	
Police Ambulance	35.00	
Board	91.31	\$ 1,833.65

Payments to other cities and towns 1,220.94

Total Payments	\$150,803.06
Transfer to Police Car Account	600.00
Transfer to Traffic Beacon Account	375.00
Balance to Revenue	3,177.63

\$154,955.69 \$154,955.69

Veterans' Benefits Appropriation

Salaries	\$ 1,644.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	575.00
Aid	8,781.00

\$ 11,000.00

Refunds 105.00

\$ 11,105.00

Salaries	\$ 1,644.00
Cash Payments	5,857.47
Fuel	331.38
Board	1,014.00
Office supplies	145.36
Telephone	56.71
Hospital, medical, etc.	805.31
Agent's Expenses	239.16
Misc.	47.38

Total Payments \$ 10,140.77

Balance to Revenue 964.23

\$ 11,105.00

Education

School Dept. General Salaries, Appropriation ..	\$331,718.94
Refunds	36.64

\$331,755.58

Supt., Principals, Teachers	\$278,680.68	
Substitutes	1,218.00	
Attendance Officer	227.66	
School Nurse	2,750.00	
Medical Inspection	1,266.56	
Janitors	28,883.42	
Clerical	13,961.55	
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Total Payments	\$326,987.87	
Balance to Revenue	4,767.71	
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	\$331,755.58	
School Dept. General Maintenance, Appro.		\$ 61,695.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund, Car		1,211.50
Refunds		11.15
Insurance, Fire Loss		210.00
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		\$ 63,127.65
Textbooks, Library, Supplementary Books	\$ 3,728.88	
Supplies	10,603.70	
General Control Expense	2,803.32	
Supervision Expense	648.78	
Principal's Office Expense	373.73	
Commencement	307.70	
Other Expenses of Instruction	1,093.91	
Compulsory Attendance	55.00	
Medical Service	21.75	
Nurse Service	412.15	
Fuel	10,485.16	
Other Expenses of Operation of Plant	10,337.55	
Maintenance	18,204.14	
Capital Outlay	1,690.36	
Auxiliary Agency, Tuition	104.00	
New School Car	1,211.50	
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Total Payments	\$ 62,081.63	
Balance to Revenue	1,046.02	
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	\$ 63,127.65	
School Cafeterias, Appropriation		\$ 45,000.00
Balance from 1946, WFA Reimbursement		436.29
WFA Reimbursement 1947		5,401.20

WFA Reimbursement for Equipment		1,238.50
Refunds		102.72
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		\$ 52,178.71
Pay Roll	\$ 11,618.33	
Equipment	1,337.50	
Supplies	31,903.70	
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Total Payments	\$ 44,859.53	
Balance to Revenue	7,319.18	
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	\$ 52,178.71	
Industrial Tuition Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
City of Malden	\$ 65.45	
Norfolk County Agric. School	180.00	
City of Somerville	153.86	
Essex County Agric. School	496.00	
City of Medford	755.72	
City of Boston	163.64	
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Total Payments	\$ 1,814.67	
Balance to Revenue	185.33	
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	\$ 2,000.00	
School Dept. Retirement for Teachers in Ser-		
vice, Appropriation		\$ 550.00
Mass. Teachers Retirement Board	\$ 550.00	
School Dept., New High School Plans		
Balance from 1946		\$ 59.83
Payments 1947	\$ 46.00	
Balance to 1948	13.83	
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	\$ 59.83	
Land Purchase, New High School, Birch Mea-		
dow, Appropriation 1947		\$ 10,000.00
Payments 1947	\$ 191.80	
Balance to 1948	9,808.20	
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	\$ 10,000.00	
School Dept. Elementary School Plans		
Balance from 1946		\$ 276.38
Balance to 1948	\$ 276.38	

School Dept. Federal Works Agency School
Plans

Balance from 1946		\$ 6,300.00
Receipts		6,900.00

Payments	\$ 10,200.00	
Balance to 1948	3,000.00	

	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 13,200.00
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School Land Purchase, Oak Street

Balance from 1946		\$ 4,589.50
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Payments	\$ 4,000.00	
Balance to 1948	589.50	

	\$ 4,589.50	
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School Dept. Safety Equipment

Balance from 1946		\$ 12,515.00
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Payments	\$ 9,620.59	
Balance to 1948	2,894.41	

	\$ 12,515.00	
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Public Library, Salaries, Appropriation		\$ 7,300.00
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Salaries

Librarian	\$ 2,108.11	
Asst. Librarian	1,591.46	
Asst. Librarian	1,591.46	
Assistants	989.85	
Janitor	1,010.69	

	\$ 7,291.57	
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Balance to Revenue	8.43	
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	\$ 7,300.00	
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Public Library Maintenance, Appropriation		\$ 3,350.00
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Telephone	\$ 52.26	
Fuel, Light and Water	371.87	
Printing and Supplies	413.85	
Books and Periodicals	2,178.94	
Binding	155.43	
Maintenance and repairs	140.46	
Miscellaneous	24.17	

Total Payments	\$ 3,336.98	
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Balance to Revenue	13.02	
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	\$ 3,350.00	
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Cemeteries, Appropriation	\$ 15,200.00
Transfer from Cemetery Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Transfer from Cemetery Bequest Fund	2,880.20
Transfer from Soldiers' Graves Acct.	276.36
Transfer from Reserve Fund	296.25

\$ 19,652.81

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 3,120.00
Clerical	1,040.00
Pay Rolls	11,123.91
Materials and Supplies	4,361.98

Total Payments	\$ 19,645.89
Balance to Revenue	6.92

\$ 19,652.81

Care of Soldiers' Graves, Appropriation	\$ 800.00
Pay Rolls	\$ 523.64
Materials	276.36

Total Payments	\$ 800.00
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New Truck, Cemetery Dept., Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
Payments	\$ 2,000.00

Department of Public Works

Administrative Office Appropriation	\$ 6,050.00
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 3,935.00
Clerical	2,002.90

\$ 5,937.90

Balance to Revenue	112.10
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\$ 6,050.00

Public Works Expense Appro.	\$ 875.00
Telephone	\$ 211.52
Office Supplies	346.14
Engineering	287.77
Printing, Adv.	1.00

\$ 846.43

Balance to Revenue	28.57
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\$ 875.00

Highway Salaries Appropriation		\$ 32,500.00
Payroll	\$ 31,312.47	
Balance to Revenue	1,187.53	
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	\$ 32,500.00	
Highway Expense Appropriation		\$ 29,500.00
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		\$ 29,500.57
Road Material	\$ 12,318.23	
Hired Equipment	781.50	
Road Mach. Account	7,586.19	
Curbing	2,385.41	
Supplies and Tools	3,601.92	
All Other	1,719.09	
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Total Payments	\$ 28,392.34	
Tr. to Chapter 90 Maint.	500.00	
Balance to Revenue	608.23	
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	.. \$ 29,500.57	
Wescroft Road Betterment		
Balance from 1946		\$ 2,350.90
Payroll	\$ 75.48	
Balance to 1948	2,275.42	
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	\$ 2,350.90	
West Hill Circle Betterment		
Balance from 1946		\$ 1,084.06
Payroll	\$ 680.96	
Materials	186.20	
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	\$ 867.16	
Balance to Revenue	216.90	
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	\$ 1,084.06	
Springvale Road Betterment		
Balance from 1946		\$ 412.24
Payroll	\$ 61.33	
Balance to 1948	350.91	
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	\$ 412.24	

Harvard Street Betterment		
Balance from 1946		\$ 351.20
Balance to 1948	\$ 351.20	
Mineral Street Bridge		
Balance from 1946		\$ 250.00
Balance to 1948	\$ 250.00	
George and Curtis Streets		
Salaries Appropriation		\$ 4,000.00
Expenses Appropriation		5,535.00
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		\$ 9,535.00
Balance to 1948, Salaries	\$ 4,000.00	
Expenses	5,535.00	
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	\$ 9,535.00	
Chap. 90 Const., Lowell Street		
Balance forward from 1946		\$ 3,005.31
Appropriation		500.00
Tr. from C. 90 Charles Street		4,500.00
Tr. from E & D Account		15,000.00
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		\$ 23,005.31
Payroll	\$ 2,604.92	
Materials	5,616.98	
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	\$ 8,221.90	
Bal. forward to 1948	14,783.41	
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	\$ 23,005.31	
Chap. 90 Maint. Appropriation		
Tr. from E & D Account		\$ 500.00
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		\$ 1,500.00
Payroll	\$ 702.99	
Materials	797.01	
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	\$ 1,500.00	
Snow and Ice Removal Salaries, Appropriation		
		\$ 11,000.00
Snow and Ice Removal 10/27/47 Appropriation		1,200.00
Snow and Ice Removal Trans. from Res. Fund		500.00
Snow and Ice Removal 12/22/47 Appropriation		2,200.00
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		\$ 14,900.00

Payroll	\$ 13,592.09	
Balance forward to 1948	1,307.91	
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	\$ 14,900.00	
Snow and Ice Expense Appropriation		\$ 9,000.00
Snow and Ice Expense 10/27/47 Appropriation		300.00
Snow and Ice Expense Trans. from Res. Fund		300.00
Snow and Ice Expense 12/22/47 Appropriation		1,800.00
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		\$ 11,400.00
Plowing and Hauling Snow	\$ 2,906.71	
Repairs and Supplies	5,859.56	
Road Mach. Account	2,078.82	
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	\$ 10,845.09	
Balance forward to 1948	554.91	
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	\$ 11,400.00	
Maintenance Storm Drains Sal. Appro.		\$ 3,000.00
Payroll	\$ 2,813.99	
Balance to Revenue	186.01	
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	\$ 3,000.00	
Maint. Storm Drains Expense Appropriation ...		\$ 2,600.00
Supplies and Miscellaneous	\$ 2,308.50	
Balance to Revenue	291.50	
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	\$ 2,600.00	
Drainage Const. Salaries Appro.		\$ 5,800.00
Payroll	\$ 5,800.00	
Drainage Const. Expense Appropriation ..		\$ 3,800.00
Pipe and Supplies	\$ 3,177.79	
Road Mach. Account	619.88	
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	\$ 3,797.67	
Balance to Revenue	2.33	
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	\$ 3,800.00	
Sidewalk Const. and Maint. Sal. Appropriation		\$ 7,400.00
Payroll	\$ 7,397.29	
Balance to Revenue	2.71	
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	\$ 7,400.00	

Sidewalk Const. and Maint. Expense Appro. ..		\$ 2,400.00
Materials, etc.	\$ 2,397.86	
Balance to Revenue	2.14	
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	\$ 2,400.00	
John Street Dump Salaries Appropriation		\$ 2,400.00
Payroll	\$ 2,400.00	
John Street Dump Expense Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Materials	\$ 198.97	
Balance to Revenue	1.03	
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	\$ 200.00	
Development Committee		
Appropriation forward from 1946		\$ 257.15
Supplies	\$ 219.00	
Balance to Revenue	38.15	
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	\$ 257.15	
Park Dept. Salaries Appropriation		\$ 6,000.00
Payroll, Memorial Park	\$ 951.61	
Payroll, Leach Park	217.23	
Payroll, Skating Rinks	521.43	
Payroll, Commons	541.47	
Payroll, Washington Street	1,681.71	
Payroll, Birch Meadow	1,618.32	
Miscellaneous	414.06	
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	\$ 5,945.83	
Balance to Revenue	54.17	
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	\$ 6,000.00	
Park Dept. Expense Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Supp. and Misc. Memorial Park	\$ 6.50	
Supp. and Misc. Skating Rinks	85.49	
Supp. and Misc. Washington Street	238.40	
Supp. and Misc. Birch Meadow	323.55	
Supp. and Misc. Miscellaneous	757.79	

Road Mach. Account	1,061.13	
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	\$ 2,472.86	
Balance to Revenue	27.14	
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	\$ 2,500.00	
Sewer Dept. Maint. and Const. Sal. Appro.		\$ 9,000.00
Payroll	\$ 8,706.43	
Balance to Revenue	293.57	
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	\$ 9,000.00	
Sewer Dept. Maint. and Const. Expense Appro.		\$ 11,000.00
Interest on Bonds	\$ 330.00	
Insurance	725.10	
Tools, Supp. and Misc.	7,407.86	
Road Mach. Account	2,294.64	
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	\$ 10,757.60	
Balance to Revenue	242.40	
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	\$ 11,000.00	
House Conn. Acct. Salaries Appro.		\$ 3,700.00
Tr. from Reserve Fund		1,000.00
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		\$ 4,700.00
Payroll	\$ 4,692.50	
Balance to Revenue	7.50	
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	\$ 4,700.00	
House Conn. Acct. Expense Appro.		\$ 1,100.00
Tr. from Reserve Fund		500.00
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		\$ 1,600.00
Pipe and Misc.	\$ 1,592.05	
Balance to Revenue	7.95	
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	\$ 1,600.00	
Water Dept. Salaries Appropriation		\$ 35,000.00
Transfer from Water Available Surplus		2,600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		500.00
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		\$ 38,100.00

Payroll	\$ 37,490.69	
Balance to Revenue	609.31	
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	\$ 38,100.00	
Water Dept. Expense Appropriation		\$ 29,000.00
Transfer from Water Available Surplus		11,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		2,000.00
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		\$ 42,000.00
Insurance	\$ 1,529.84	
Telephones	200.51	
Lights and Power	6,363.63	
Repairs	572.65	
Supp., Tools, and Fittings	22,879.05	
Road Mach. Account	5,573.77	
New Meters	2,364.60	
All Other	2,334.23	
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	\$ 41,818.28	
Balance to Revenue	181.72	
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	\$ 42,000.00	
Road Machinery Account		
Balance from 1946		\$ 20,462.64
Receipts Gas Tax Refunds		389.32
Other Receipts		21,398.66
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		\$ 42,250.62
Tr. to Rd. Mach. Fund	\$ 22,000.00	
Balance to 1948	20,250.62	
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	\$ 42,250.62	
Road Machinery Fund		
Balance from 1946		\$ 1,281.49
Tr. from Road Machinery Account		22,000.00
Refund		74.18
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		\$ 23,355.67

Expenditures	\$ 23,173.49	
Balance to 1948	182.18	
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	\$ 23,355.67	
Post War Plan Appropriation		\$ 1,332.62
Payroll	\$ 657.32	
Balance to 1948	675.30	
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	\$ 1,332.62	
Municipal Garage Extension		
Balance from 1946		\$ 24,730.40
Payments	\$ 551.51	
Balance to 1948	24,178.89	
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	\$ 24,730.40	
Special Drainage Installation		
Balance from 1946		\$ 1,050.00
Balance to 1948	\$ 1,050.00	
Recreation Committee, Appro.		\$ 4,500.00
Payroll	\$ 3,574.00	
Supplies	922.75	
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	\$ 4,496.75	
Balance to Revenue	3.25	
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	\$ 4,500.00	

Municipal Light Department

Balance from 1946		\$144,897.04
Sales, Light and Power		521,766.28
Merchandise and Jobbing		169,078.80
Street Lighting Appropriation		16,000.00
Miscellaneous		2,523.18
Transfer from Underground Installation		1,431.59
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		\$855,696.89
Payments		
Payroll — Construction	\$165,731.25	
Bills:		
Construction	65,694.34	
Operation	211,070.73	

Bonds	16,000.00
Interest	877.50
Energy Purchased	250,613.36
Paid to Town	50,000.00

\$759,987.18

Balance to 1948 95,709.71

\$855,696.89

Municipal Light Dept. Underground Installation

Balance from 1946 \$ 1,431.59

Transferred to Maintenance Acct. \$ 1,431.59

Interest Due in 1947, Appro. not incl. Water,
Light, Sewer \$ 2,127.50

Garage Loan \$ 22.50

Drainage Loan 180.00

School Loan 1,085.00

Mun. Relief '39 90.00

Total Payments \$ 1,377.50

Balance to Revenue 750.00

\$ 2,127.50

Maturing Debt, Appropriation \$ 20,000.00

Sewer \$ 6,000.00

Garage 2,000.00

Drainage 4,000.00

Relief '39 2,000.00

Elementary School 6,000.00

\$ 20,000.00

Insurance, Appropriation \$ 14,749.71

Municipal Light Dept. 1,613.87

Water Dept. 1,529.84

Sewer Dept. 725.10

Misc. Refunds 708.78

\$ 19,327.30

Fire Schedule	\$	4,048.32	
Workmen's Compensation		5,936.13	
Public Liability		785.92	
General Liability		373.46	
Burglary		216.50	
Auto Pub. Liab. and Property Damage		4,258.27	
Auto Fire and Theft		301.45	
Bonds		714.18	
Miscellaneous		544.68	
	\$	17,178.91	
Transfer to Mun. Light Dept.		93.25	
Transfer to Various Accounts	\$	2,000.00	
	\$	19,272.16	
Balance to Revenue		55.14	
	\$	19,327.30	
Dog Pound			
Balance from 1946	\$	16.48	
Balance to 1948	\$	16.48	
Rent, American Legion Quarters, Appropriation			\$ 1,500.00
Reading Veterans Assn.	\$	1,500.00	
Rent, V.F.W. Quarters, Appropriation			\$ 650.00
Reading Post, 685, V.F.W.	\$	650.00	
Memorial Day Observance, Appropriation			\$ 1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund			196.87
			\$ 1,196.87
Band	\$	253.00	
Express		10.00	
Amplifiers		35.00	
Flags and Ammunition		135.37	
Flowers		701.00	
Grave Markers		45.00	
Programs		17.50	
	\$	1,196.87	
Contributory Retirement Fund, Appro.			\$ 26,527.47
Transferred to Retirement System	\$	26,527.47	
Servicemen's Retirement, Appro.			\$ 896.43
Transferred to Retirement System	\$	896.43	

Land Court Expenses, Appro.	\$	200.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		75.00	
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	\$	275.00	
Land Court	\$	206.96	
Balance to Revenue		68.04	
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	\$	275.00	
Publication Street List, Appro.	\$	900.00	
Transfer From Reserve Fund		250.00	
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	\$	1,150.00	
Pay Roll	\$	336.00	
Planographing		772.80	
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	\$	1,108.80	
Balance to Revenue		41.20	
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	\$	1,150.00	
Post War Planning Committee			
Balance from 1946	\$	495.00	
Balance to 1948	\$	495.00	
Capital Expenditures Planning Committee			
Balance from 1946	\$	503.47	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		300.00	
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	\$	803.47	
Clerical	\$	22.50	
Advisory Services and Printing		600.85	
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	\$	623.35	
Balance to 1948		151.80	
Balance to Revenue		28.32	
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	\$	803.47	
Land Purchase, Parking Area			
Balance from 1946	\$	5,586.02	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,000.00	
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	\$	6,586.02	

Warren Bros. Roads Co.	\$ 5,866.70	
Other Supplies	655.63	
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	\$ 6,522.33	
Balance to 1948	63.69	
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	\$ 6,586.02	
Aid to Agriculture, Appro.		\$ 100.00
Supplies	\$ 94.63	
Balance to Revenue	5.37	
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	\$ 100.00	
Wage and Salary Classification Committee		
Transfer from Insurance Account		\$ 250.00
Balance to 1948	\$ 250.00	
Reserve Fund		
Transfer from Overlay Reserve		\$ 12,000.00
Transfers:		
Election and Registration Expense	\$ 400.00	
Collector's Expense	325.00	
Collector's Clerical	100.00	
Municipal Parking Area	1,000.00	
Municipal Building Maint.	150.00	
Publication Street List	250.00	
School Dept. New Car	1,211.50	
Sewer H. C. Acct.	1,500.00	
Police Dept. Radio	700.00	
Memorial Day Observance	196.87	
Cemetery Maintenance	296.25	
Town Counsel's Exp.	255.00	
Emergency Lights Mun. Bldg.	275.00	
Bd. of Registrars Exp.	100.00	
Land Court Exp.	75.00	
Capital Exp. Planning Committee	300.00	
Water Dept. Maint.	2,500.00	
Public Welfare, General Aid	1,400.00	
Public Welfare, A.D.C. Adm.	150.00	
Snow and Ice Account	800.00	
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Total Transfers	\$ 11,984.62	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	15.38	
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	\$ 12,000.00	

Town Forest, Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Pay Roll	\$ 1,700.00	
Balance to Revenue	100.00	

\$ 1,800.00

Excess and Deficiency Account

Balance from 1946	\$218,928.32
Receipts Redemption of Property	468.67
Sale of Land	325.00
State and County Aid to Highways	7,500.00
Transfer of Unexpended Appropriation balances	29,122.31
Transfer of Receipts in excess of estimate	11,914.99
Additional Taxes	28.74

\$268,288.03

Transfer to Chap. 90 Maint.	\$ 1,000.00
Transfer to Chap. 90 Lowell St.	15,000.00
Transfer from Tax Titles	303.95
Transfer to Fire Dept. Maint.	8,750.00
Transfer to Welfare Unpaid Bill '46	160.00
Transfer to Snow and Ice Account	1,500.00
Transfer to Sewer Const. Bond Issue	5,000.00
Transfer to Snow and Ice Account	4,000.00

\$ 35,713.95

Balance to 1948	232,574.08
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\$268,288.03

Outstanding Debt Balancing Account

Outstanding January 1, 1947	\$153,000.00
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Loans paid in 1947:

Sewer Dept.	\$ 6,000.00
Municipal Garage	2,000.00
Municipal Light Dept.	14,000.00
Drainage	4,000.00
Municipal Relief '39	2,000.00
Elementary School	6,000.00
Storm Emergency	2,000.00

\$ 36,000.00

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947	117,000.00
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\$153,000.00

TOWN DEBT DETAIL OF MATURITIES

Year	Municipal Light	Elementary School	Quannapowitt Drainage	Sewer	Municipal Relief '39	Storm Emergency	Totals
1948	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 24,000
1949	5,000	5,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	20,000
1950	4,000	5,000	4,000				13,000
1951	4,000	5,000	4,000				13,000
1952	2,000	5,000					7,000
1953	2,000	5,000					7,000
1954	2,000	5,000					7,000
1955	2,000	5,000					7,000
1956	1,000	5,000					6,000
1957	1,000	5,000					6,000
1958	1,000	5,000					6,000
1959	1,000						1,000
	\$ 33,000	\$ 56,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 117,000

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance, Jan. 1, 1947	\$508,283.66	
Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund Income	4,342.24	
Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund Income	1,987.23	
Cemetery Bequest Fund, Bequests	3,672.66	
Cemetery Bequest Fund, Income	2,616.38	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund, Income	546.88	
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund, Income	100.87	
Public Library Fund, Income	21.41	
Public Library Fund, D. N. Tuttle, Jr. Income ..	7.57	
Public Library Fund, H. G. Wadlin, Income	38.29	
Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund:		
Hospital Care		\$ 428.20
Administrative		120.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund — Care endowed lots and graves		2,880.20
Balance Dec. 31, 1947		518,188.79
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	\$521,617.19	\$521,617.19

Hospital Fund (Gilman L. Parker)

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$184,861.29
Receipts — Income		4,342.24
Payments for Hospital Care and Adm.	\$ 548.20	
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	\$188,655.33	
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	\$189,203.53	\$189,203.53

Hospital Fund (Anne S. Grouard)

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$ 77,585.23
Income		1,987.23
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 79,572.46	
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	\$ 79,572.46	\$ 79,572.46

Cemetery Bequest Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$111,160.57
Receipts — Income		2,616.38
Receipts — Bequests		3,672.66
Payments Care endowed lots and graves	\$ 2,880.20	
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	114,569.41	
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	\$117,449.61	\$117,449.61

Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$ 5,159.69
Receipts — Income		100.87
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 5,260.56	
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	\$ 5,260.56	\$ 5,260.56

Library Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$ 1,065.78
Receipts — Income		21.41
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 1,087.19	
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	\$ 1,087.19	\$ 1,087.19

Library Fund (H. G. Wadlin)

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$ 1,905.85
Receipts — Income		38.29
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 1,944.14	
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	\$ 1,944.14	\$ 1,944.14

Library Fund (Donald N. Tuttle, Jr.)

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$ 502.50
Receipts — Income		7.57
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 510.07	
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	\$ 510.07	\$ 510.07

STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund

100 Shares First National Bank of Boston Cert. #155,572 ..	\$ 4,050.00
Penn. Railroad Co. Gen. Mort. 4½ 1965	5,000.00
Home Bleaching and Dye Works, Pfd. 2 shares	11.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Pfd. 55 shares	1.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Com. 20 shares	1.00
U. S. Savings Bonds Series D. 1949	5,250.00
U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 2½ 1954	3,000.00
U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 2½ 1955	27,000.00
U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 2½ 1956	49,000.00

U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 2½ 1957	22,000.00
U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 2½ 1959	3,000.00
Andover Savings Bank No. 39860	5,913.43
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank No. 162338	6,180.53
Chelsea Savings Bank, No. 154784	6,589.04
Danvers Savings Bank, No. 2189	1,353.61
Dedham Institute for Savings, No. 72053	3,712.26
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230778	6,087.58
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, No. 187890	2,483.09
Lynn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 244496	2,454.40
Malden Savings Bank, No. 141347	6,928.21
Melrose Savings Bank, No. 52937	2,507.57
Providence Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 615034	3,648.90
Wakefield Savings Bank, No. 4511	4,953.61
Warren Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 135648	2,005.76
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 63401	5,684.78
Cash in General Fund	4,893.33
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	\$188,655.33

Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund

U. S. Treas. Bonds 3's 1955	\$ 36,650.00
U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G. 2½	42,000.00
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 26361	447.46
Cash in General Fund	475.00
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	\$ 79,572.46

Cemetery Bequest Fund

U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½ 1954	\$ 17,000.00
U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½ 1955	10,000.00
U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½ 1956	13,000.00
U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½ 1957	9,000.00
U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½ 1959	13,000.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. 1st Mort. 5's Series A 1952	5,000.00
Andover Savings Bank, No. 40177	5,497.03
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 948228	3,645.18
Cambridge Savings Bank, No. 89112	5,727.68
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 10672	1,074.09
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence No. 230779	5,601.49
Home Savings Bank. Boston, No. 368204	2,617.61

Malden Savings Bank, No. 137262	7,110.75
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 5103	4,558.99
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 10714	4,070.92
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 61052	6,793.17
Cash in General Fund	872.50
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	\$114,569.41

Library Fund

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 987334	\$ 1,087.19
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Library Fund — Horace G. Wadlin

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 1079095	\$ 1,944.14
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Library Fund — Donald N. Tuttle, Jr.

Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 26483	\$ 510.07
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R. H. S. Scholarship Fund

Andover Savings Bank, No. 39861	\$ 1,000.00
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 161863	3,000.00
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230306	1,000.00
Middlesex County Nat. Bank, Reading Sav. Dept. No. 5624	260.56
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	\$ 5,260.56

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

U. S. Treas. Certificates of Ind. 7/8's	\$125,000.00
Cash in General Fund	1,589.63
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	\$126,589.63

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the accounts of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, have examined the securities and verified bank balances and report the foregoing to be true and accurate statement, December 31, 1947.

BOYD H. STEWART,

Town Accountant

TOWN OF READING

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1947

ASSETS

Cash in Banks	
Cash in Offices	
Municipal Light Dept. Consumers Deposit Fund	
Accounts Receivable:	
Estate of Deceased Persons	
Taxes 1946, Poll	\$
Personal	26.00
Real Estate	125.12
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Taxes 1947, Poll	96.00
Personal	4,173.26
Real Estate	43,164.26

Motor Vehicle Excise, 1946	39.82
1947	1,174.65

Moth Assts. 1946	13.60
Moth Assts. 1947	85.00

LIABILITIES

Municipal Light Dept. Consumers Deposits	\$ 22,583.00
Estate of Deceased Persons	312.65
Overlay 1946	7,507.22
Overlay 1947	17,193.47
Overlay Reserve	17,032.34
Parker Hospital Fund Transfer Account	4,893.33
Grouard Hospital Fund Transfer Account	475.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund Transfer Account	872.50
Cemetery Reserve Fund	10,776.52
Federal Grants A.D.C. Adm.	171.92
Unexpended Appropriation Balances	100,645.35

Special Funds:

Tailings Account	\$ 758.59
Dog License Fees due County	43.00
Salvage Fund	6,577.67
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	1,589.63
Recording Fee Deposits	2.25
Fishing and Hunting Fees due State	10.00
Withholding Taxes	6,507.55
Mass. Hospital Service	655.75
Sewer H.C. Guarantee Deposits	9.57

Municipal Light Dept. Maint. Acct.	95,709.71
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BALANCE SHEET — (Continued)

ASSETS

Sewer Rentals	1,851.27
Sewer Assts. Unapportioned	65.48
Sewer Assts. 1947	11.00
Sewer Assts. 1947 Int.	
Sewer H.C. Unapportioned	2,603.70
Sewer H.C. 1946	5.03
Sewer H.C. 1947	17.16
Sewer H.C. Int. 1946 .....	.20
Sewer H.C. Int. 1947	1.85
Sidewalk Assts. Unapportioned	2,784.78
Sidewalk Assts. 1947	40.09
Sidewalk Assts. Int. 1947	7.27

Highway Assts. Unapportioned	817.97
Highway Assts. 1946	95.44
Highway Assts. 1947	178.39
Highway Assts. Int. 1946	23.18
Highway Assts. Int. 1947	28.63

Tax Titles	
Tax Possessions	
State Aid to Highways	
County Aid to Highways	

LIABILITIES

Revenue Reserved until collected:	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,214.47
Moth and Tree Assts.	98.60
Sewer Rentals	1,353.95
Sewer Assts. and Int.	1,927.75
Sewer H.C. Assts. and Int.	2,627.94
Sidewalk Assts. and Int.	2,832.14
Highway Assts. and Int.	1,143.61
Tax Titles	706.98
Tax Possessions	3,425.60
State and County Aid to Highways ..	16,000.00
Departmental Accounts Receivable ..	24,609.71
Water Rates	8,460.88
Municipal Light Dept. Accts. Rec. ..	62,368.03

Water Dept. Available Surplus	
Real Estate Account	
Surplus Revenue (E and D)	
Loans Authorized Unissued	
Over-estimates:	
County Tax	
State Parks and Reservations	

706.98
3,425.60
10,500.00
5,500.00

126,769.66
4,683.21
4,360.25
232,574.08
7,000.00
4,553.77
243.15
4,796.92

Departmental Accounts Receivable	24,609.71	
Water Rates Receivable	8,460.88	
Municipal Light Dept. Accts. Rec.	62,368.03	
Overlay Deficit 1940	2.00	
Overlay Deficit 1941	12.00	
Overlay Deficit 1942	2.00	
Overlay Deficit 1944	18.00	
Loans Authorized	7,000.00	
Underestimates:		
Middlesex County T.B. Hospital	669.73	
Metropolitan Sewer Asst.	1,796.90	
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	\$674,511.14	\$674,511.14

DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assts. not due	\$ 1,936.81	Apportioned Sewer Assts. Rev. 1947-1956	\$ 1,936.81
Apportioned Sewer H.C. Assts. not due ..	1,232.53	Appor. Sewer H.C. Assts. Rev. 1947-1956	1,232.53
Apportioned Sidewalk Assts. not due	3,326.10	Appor. Sidewalk Assts. Rev. 1947-1956 ..	3,326.10
Apportioned Highway Assts. not due	3,665.24	Appor. Highway Assts. Rev. 1947-1956 ..	3,665.24
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	\$ 10,160.68		\$ 10,160.68

DEBT ACCOUNT

Loans Outstanding	\$117,000.00	Elementary School Loan	\$ 56,000.00
		Storm Emergency	4,000.00
		Drainage System	16,000.00
		Municipal Relief 1939	4,000.00

ASSETS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities

\$117,000.00
\$518,188.79

LIABILITIES

Municipal Light
Sewer

33,000.00
4,000.00

Parker Hospital Fund
Grouard Hospital Fund
Cemetery Bequest Fund
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund
Public Library Fund
Wadlin Library Fund
Tuttle Library Fund
Post War Rehabilitation Fund

\$117,000.00
\$188,655.33
79,572.46
114,569.41
5,260.56
1,087.19
1,944.14
510.07
126,589.63
\$518,188.79

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND

Contributory Retirement Fund Cash
Savings Bank Deposits
Cooperative Bank Shares
U. S. Savings Bonds
Accrued Int. on Investments

\$ 604.65 Annuity Savings Fund
2,500.00 Annuity Reserve Fund
21,395.20 Pension Fund
119,000.00 Expense Fund
841.68 Special Military Fund

\$ 76,786.51
5,794.75
58,837.95
186.13
2,736.19

\$144,341.53

\$144,341.53

Grand Total

Grand Total

\$1,464,202.14

TOWN OF READING

JANUARY 1, 1948

POPULATION 12,327

Years	Valuation	Valuation Abatements In		Total Abatements	Net Valuation
		1945	1946		
1945 Property	\$17,679,334	\$ 237,041	\$ 2,240	\$ 243,301	\$17,436,033
Excise	286,707	4,192	1,803	5,995	280,712
1946 Property	18,245,869		21,727	31,149	18,214,720
Excise	462,639		5,667	2,704	454,268
1947 Property	20,125,921			104,796	20,021,125
Excise	857,113			28,893	828,220
	\$57,657,583	\$ 241,233	\$ 31,437	\$ 149,835	\$ 57,235,078

TOTAL VALUATION 1947 \$20,983,034 NET VALUATION FOR 3 YEARS \$57,235,078
 PROPERTY VALUATION 1947 \$20,125,921 AVERAGE VALUATION FOR 3 YEARS .. \$19,078,359
 5% OF AVERAGE VALUATION⁷ \$ 953,917

REQ. SEC. 7 \$ 5,031.48

TAX RATE 1947 \$ 39.40

Ration of Debt to Valuation
 General 0.40
 Enterprise 0.16

Total 0.56

FUNDED DEBT

General — Outside Limit \$ 84,000.00
 P.S. Enterprise Light — Outside Limit 33,000.00

Total \$117,000.00
 Available Borrowing Capacity Jan. 1, 1948 \$ 953,917

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The total membership of the Contributory Retirement System on December 31, 1946 was 164. During the year 1947, 23 new members were admitted to the system, 12 withdrew, 2 transferred to inactive membership, and 1 member deceased, making a total of 172 active members.

At a special town meeting held on October 27, 1947 it was voted to accept Chapter 615 of the Acts of 1947, which provides an increase not exceeding 20% of certain pensions for a temporary period of one year from the effective date, voted by the Board to be November 1, 1947.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1947.

1947 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT

Cash	
Balance Jan. 1, 1947	\$ 21,255.39
Receipts	
Receipts 1947:	
Securities Sold	\$ 39,617.13
Income on Investments	2,390.46
Contributed by Members	16,899.44
Appropriated by Town:	
Pension Fund	25,777.47
Expense Fund	750.00
Military Fund	896.43
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	\$ 86,330.93
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	\$107,586.32
Expenditures	
Payments 1947:	
Investments	\$ 84,880.00
Expenses	744.57
Pensions	18,494.32
Annuities	677.61
Refunds to Members	2,185.17
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	\$106,981.67
Balance December 31, 1947	604.65
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	\$107,586.32
Assets	
Cash, Middlesex County National Bank, Reading	\$ 604.65

Deposits on Interest:

Mechanics Sav. Bank, Bk. 19442	2,500.00
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Cooperative Bank Shares:

Citizens Coop. Bank, Haverhill, Bk. 10941 ..	\$ 3,739.60
Concord Coop. Bank, Bk. 5491	3,491.60
Lexington Coop. Bank, Bk. 5446	3,450.40
Roger Conant Coop. Bank, Salem, Bk. 12851	3,531.20
Wakefield Coop. Bank, Bk. 8158	3,614.40
Reading Coop. Bank, Bk. 9407	3,568.00

\$ 21,395.20

Investments:

4,000 U.S. Savings Bond, 1959	\$ 4,000.00
1,000 " " " 1959	1,000.00
1,000 " " " 1959	1,000.00
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3,000 " " " 1958	3,000.00
5,000 " " " 1958	5,000.00
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5,000 " " " 1957	5,000.00
5,000 " " " 1956	5,000.00
1,000 " " " 1956	1,000.00
5,000 " " " 1955	5,000.00

\$119,000.00

Accrued Interest on Investments

841.68

\$144,341.53

Liabilities

Annuity Savings Fund	\$ 76,786.51	
Annuity Reserve Fund	5,794.75	
Pension Fund	58,837.95	
Expense Fund	186.13	
Special Military Fund	2,736.19	
		\$144,341.53

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman
 BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary
 THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK
 Contributory Retirement Board

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year 1947

Valuation of Taxable Property

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$15,060,780
Land, exclusive of buildings	3,717,855
Personal Estate	1,346,861

Total Taxable Valuation	\$20,125,496
Amount Appropriated for Town Purposes	\$1,239,334.71
Amount to be Paid for State and County Taxes	77,884.91
Amount of Overlay	30,478.97

..	\$1,347,698.59	
Less Estimated Receipts	\$429,247.50	
Excise Tax	15,000.00	
Available Funds	102,365.00	546,612.50

Net Amount to be raised on Polls and Property	\$801,086.09
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Tax Rate 1947 — \$39.40

Real Estate	\$739,887.49
Personal Property Tax	53,066.60
Poll Tax	8,132.00
Excise Tax	31,053.22
Moth Assessment	890.60
Highway	1,629.51
Sidewalk	1,000.15
Sewer Frontage	565.18
House Connection	489.16

Water Liens	35.87
December Commitment	16.75
Additional Polls	12.00
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	\$836,778.53

Valuation Comparison

	1946	1947	Inc.
Valuation of Buildings	\$13,858,555	\$15,060,780	\$ 1,202,225
Valuation of Land	3,579,040	3,717,855	138,815
Valuation of Personal Property ..	805,274	1,346,861	541,587
Valuation of Town Property	1,886,920	1,899,715	12,795
Valuation of Exempted Property ..	740,910	745,365	4,455
Valuation of Excise Tax	582,360	1,067,450	485,090
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Total Town Valuation	\$21,453,059	\$23,838,026	\$ 2,384,967
Net Change in Valuation			\$ 2,384,967

HAROLD B. CURRELL

RALPH T. HORN

LEON G. BENT

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report of the Inspector of Building for the year 1947.

There has been considerable activity in the past year as you will see by this report, and I believe you will agree that a full time inspector be appointed to handle the volume of building that is constantly increasing and needs one to devote his entire time to handle the inspection that is really required and as it should be.

Reading, as I have reported previously is one of very few towns that has a part time inspector and it would be for the Town's interest if a full time Inspector were appointed. It has taken a lot of my time that I should have been devoting to my own business, but I felt as long as I was the Inspector I was obligated to give it as much time as I could really afford, and on several occasions it has been much more.

Here are the results of permits as issued, with the estimated cost of same as stated by the applicants and as usual in my estimation, they are at least 20% less than what they should be, but as you know the Inspector has no authority to change the estimated cost as submitted by the applicant.

131 New Dwellings	906,800.00
28 Alterations and additions to all types of building	83,040.00
21 Private garages	16,000.00
1 Telephone Exchange Addition	40,000.00
1 Small Office Building	4,000.00
1 Filling Station	10,000.00
1 Public Garage and Showroom	16,000.00
1 Store Front	2,500.00
5 Hen Houses	5,950.00
1 Green House	2,500.00
1 Barbecue Enclosure	700.00
1 Play House	500.00
1 Tool House	150.00
1 Ice Cream Stand	600.00
Total estimated cost of all buildings	\$1,088,740.00

The sum of \$806.00 was received by me in fees for the above building permits, which I have turned over to the Town Treasurer.

As usual I have had many complaints for violation of the Zoning By-laws which have been thoroughly investigated and brought to a satisfactory conclusion in most cases.

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM

Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading:

There were two hundred eleven cases of contagious diseases reported during the year 1947.

Anterior Poliomyelitis	2
Chicken Pox	67
Diphtheria	4
Dog Bites	58
Lobar Pneumonia	1
Measles	5
Mumps	42
Scarlet Fever	8
Septic Sore Throat	1
Tuberculosis	2
Whooping Cough	21

Respectfully submitted

E. M. HALLIGAN, M. D.

C. R. BAISLEY, M. D.

C. F. ATKINSON

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as dog officer to December 31, 1947.

I have canvassed the town to see that all dogs were licensed. Unlicensed and strayed dogs have been found and disposed of as follows:

164 have been destroyed

52 have been returned to owners

55 hens destroyed by dogs

58 dog bites, 4 owners unknown

27 dogs killed by autos

604 complaints have been investigated

1 order to destroyed served

2657 miles have been covered

At this time I wish to thank the Police Department and the Inspector of Animals for their help.

Respectfully submitted

CHARLES H. MELENDY

Dog Officer



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